





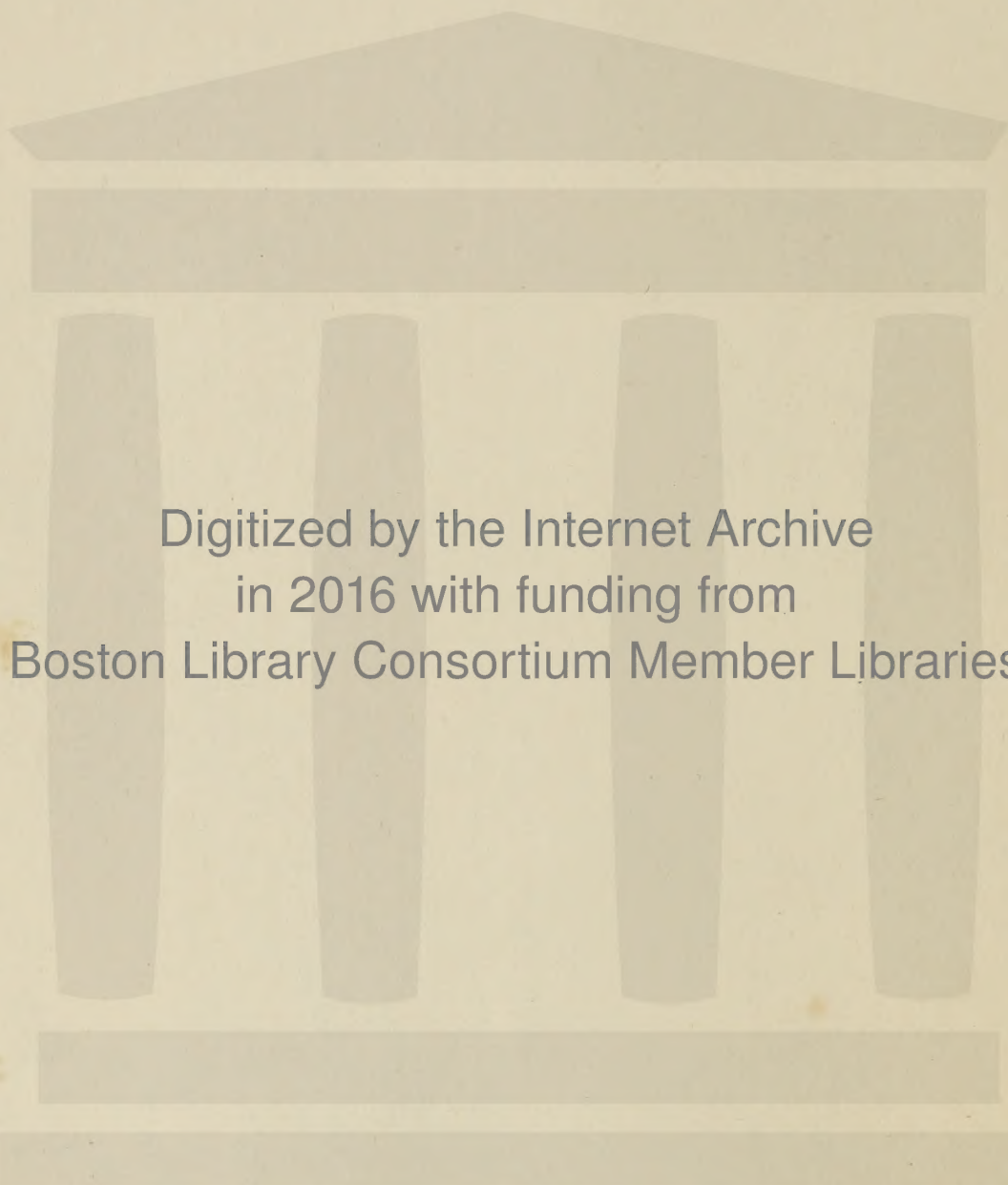


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JOINT RESOLUTION relating to the preservation and publication of portions of the early state and provincial records, and other state papers of New Hampshire.

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:*

That His Excellency the Governor be hereby authorized and empowered, with the advice and consent of the Council, to employ some suitable person—and fix his compensation, to be paid out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated—to collect, arrange, transcribe, and superintend the publication of such portions of the early state and provincial records and other state papers of New Hampshire as the Governor may deem proper; and that eight hundred copies of each volume of the same be printed by the state printer, and distributed as follows: namely, one copy to each city and town in the state, one copy to such of the public libraries in the state as the Governor may designate, fifty copies to the New Hampshire Historical Society, and the remainder placed in the custody of the state librarian, who is hereby authorized to exchange the same for similar publications by other states.

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## PREFACE.

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This volume completes the presentation of the text of the original township charters emanating from New Hampshire province authority, from grants by Massachusetts, and from the Masonian proprietary. The New Hampshire grants of townships west of the Connecticut River occupy, with the notes relating to them, a separate volume. The charter series consists of five volumes, viz., 24, 25, 26, 27, and 28. This arrangement brings this class of documents into consecutive volumes and into the most serviceable classification that is practicable. It necessitates the postponement of the presentation and treatment of the Masonian papers of a more general nature to a subsequent volume. The slight change of the logical order, wherein these papers might have preceded the subsidiary Masonian charters, will doubtless be considered of little moment when considered with reference to the desirability of bringing the Masonian township grants into immediate sequence with the province grants of a similar character.

The methods of administration which prevailed in the business of the Masonian proprietary in the period in which they were actively engaged in disposing of the lands which had been conceded to be subject to the Masonian title after more than a hundred years of controversy, are deserving of special consideration. It was suggested in our preface to Vol. 27 that this would receive attention in this connection. The observations which follow, therefore, should be read in reference to the editor's preliminary note to the preceding volume.

The lands included within the Masonian Patent were conveyed to the twelve original associates by deed of Robert Tufton Mason, January 30, 1746. The consideration paid was fifteen hundred pounds, and the purchase was held in fifteen shares. Theodore Atkinson held three, Mark Hunking Wentworth two, and the ten others one share each.

At the first meeting of the members of this proprietary the original purchasers were the only persons in interest, but, previous to the disposal of any of the lands within their purchase, a further distribution or allotment was made, so that no associate owned more than one share, and four of these fifteenth parts were subdivided. Mark Hunking Wentworth sold one of his two shares to John Rindge June 2, 1750; Theodore Atkinson, two of his three to John Tufton Mason,



August 1, 1746; and Mason, one of his two in equal interest to Samuel Solly and Clement March, May 26, 1748; he also sold one half of his remaining share to John Thomlinson, June 9, 1749. On various dates Nathaniel Meserve sold fractional interests in his share. Col. Samuel Moore having died, his share was held by his widow, Mary Moore, and her brother, Daniel Peirce. Although in several instances, the original purchaser died before the dissolution of the association, the shares appear in the records accredited to the several owners as follows:

1. Theodore Atkinson.
2. Mark Hunking Wentworth.
3. Richard Wibird.
4. John Wentworth.
5. George Jaffrey.
6. Nathaniel Meserve and others [Joseph Blanchard, Joseph Green, and Paul March].
7. Thomas Packer.
8. Thomas Wallingford.
9. Jotham Odiorne.
10. Joshua Peirce.
11. Daniel Peirce and Mary Moore.
12. John Moffatt.
13. John Rindge.
14. John Tufton Mason and John Thomlinson.
15. Samuel Solly and Clement March.

The deed of Mason to the associates conveyed the towns, as well as the ungranted lands, within the patent. The conveyance, says Belknap, "raised a great ferment among the people." As an act of justice, as well as a measure of prudence, and to quiet the people, the associates immediately quitclaimed all the lands and improvements within the organized towns of the province. Having satisfied and placated the residents within the towns, they encountered a serious problem in another direction, and frequent contentions arose in their dealings with the grantees of several towns granted by Massachusetts, and which, on account of their isolation and weakness, were not included in the general deed of quitclaim.

Many of the persons claiming under the Massachusetts charters were admitted among the grantees in the Masonian grant of the same town, or were given equivalent privileges in some other township. A few of the settlers who had made improvements under the Massachusetts title resisted all overtures. Several law-suits ensued, but these always ended in verdicts for the purchasers from Mason. Several settlers in Rindge, New Ipswich, and other towns of this class certainly suffered serious losses and possibly injustice. As a rule, however, the Masonians were ever ready to hear complaints and to grant redress; and they generally succeeded in allaying the contentions that were incident to the existing conditions.



Nothing in the nature of quit-rents, which were characteristic of the province charters, were reserved in these Masonian grants. A prudential stipulation was incorporated to the effect that none of the lands reserved to the fifteen proprietors' shares should be taxed until improved by the owners or some person holding title under them.

In the administration of the business of the association, their methods and plans were simple, and probably more in harmony with the usages of that time than of the present. If the proprietors had existed a century later they would have formed a corporation. Following the custom of the day they were an association, governed only by the dictates of a common interest. For many years the association did not have a common treasury. In the grant of a township a certain quantity of land was reserved to each shareholder, and the division was made as nearly as practicable in equal shares. In the distribution which accompanied the partition of a township or grant, each grantee and each of the fifteen shares was accorded an original title to one of these sections, all of which were supposed to be equal, generally about three hundred acres. The association paid the common charges in equal shares, and each associate sold the land thus acquired on his own account. The measure of profit or loss of a shareholder in any particular case depended upon the result of the sales made by individual members of the association.

Upon the division of a township, one of the equal shares or lots was reserved for schools, one for the ministry and one for the first settled minister.

Anticipating expenses of a legal nature in maintaining and defending suits at law, the association reserved two additional shares in a majority of the towns and styled them "law lots." These were granted to Matthew Livermore and William Parker, the attorneys of the association by vote of July 25, 1750. Whenever the names of these two appear in the lists of grantees, it is on account of their legal services. They were not, as sometimes inferred, members of the association.

The tract of land known for many years as Society Land, the towns of Alton and Allenstown, several small tracts or gores, and the islands in Winnepesaukee Lake were not granted as townships according to the general rule, but were divided into fifteen equal parts and one part drawn to each share. The subsequent sale of the individual interests thus acquired and the creation of titles in severalty opened the way to settlements. In a few instances before the division of a tract of land with a view to the customary distribution among the proprietors, a lot might be set aside to compensate a surveyor or some other person who had charges against them; and, in general, so far as it was possible, the Masonian proprietors paid the expenses of the association with land.

In a very few cases, in the disposal of small gores that did not admit of easy division and partition, a sale was made. The money received was not suffered to lie in a treasury but was immediately divided. Whenever there was a necessity for



money to be used for the association it was raised by an assessment on the several shares.

The political status of the townships granted under Masonian authority was not necessarily like that which marked the province grants. The grantees under the latter were sometimes vested with political privileges by the terms of the charter, similar to those contemplated by the ordinary act of incorporation. This was not the invariable rule and possibly not the general custom in the granting of townships by the provincial government (see preface to Vol. 24). The Masonian proprietary could not invest the grantees of their towns with political or municipal privileges or powers. For this investiture recourse was had to the assembly in the ordinary course of events. Not infrequently, however, the inhabitants assumed the functions of municipal government and procedure, and regarded themselves as invested with the ordinary municipal prerogatives without invoking the aid of legislation. Long exercise of corporate powers by a town without objection has been recognized by our courts as evidence on which an act of incorporation would be presumed. (*Bow vs. Allenstown*, 34, N. H. Reports, 351.)

In added reference to the tracts afterwards known as Alton and Allenstown, and that formerly designated as Society Land, it may be stated that the demarkation of town boundaries and the adoption of town names were occurrences subsequent to the conversion of the lands to ownership in severalty and actual settlement, and the result of after-consideration by the inhabitants. In these particular incidents, a variation from the custom of the proprietary is observable. It will be found that it was their usual method to designate town boundaries at the outset, and settlement was a subsequent affair.

The substantial character and commanding influence of the persons associated in the Masonian purchase is sustained by the annals of the state. The ties of kinship that held them in close relations are worthy of mention.

Mark Hunking Wentworth and John Wentworth were brothers. They were sons of Lieut. Governor John Wentworth, and brothers of Governor Benning Wentworth. Mark Hunking Wentworth was the father of Governor John Wentworth, and was a member of the governor's council from 1759 to 1775.

Theodore Atkinson married a sister of Mark Hunking and John Wentworth.

Jotham Odiorne was an uncle, and Jotham Jr., was a cousin of the wife of Mark Hunking Wentworth. Ann Odiorne, a sister of Jotham, senior, was the mother of John Rindge, and after the death of Mr. Rindge, her husband, became the wife of Nathaniel Meserve.

George Jaffrey was a son of a sister of Mark Hunking and John Wentworth; and Samuel Solly married Jaffrey's sister.

Richard Wibird's sister married a brother of the two Wentworths.

Thomas Packer married a sister of the two Wentworths. His second wife was the mother of John Rindge and a sister of Jotham Odiorne, senior.



John Rindge was the brother of the wife of Mark Hunking Wentworth.

Joshua and Daniel Peirce were brothers. Daniel married Ann Rindge, sister to John Rindge.

Samuel Moore was the colonel of the New Hampshire regiment at Louisburg. He married a sister of Joshua and Daniel Peirce.

Clement March was a relative of the Peirce family.

John Moffatt and Thomas Wallingford, so far as known, were not connected by blood or marriage to each other or to the other proprietors.

The interest in the propriety acquired later by John Tufton Mason and John Thomlinson was the natural sequence of their early connection with the patent.

The Masonian proprietors, closely allied among themselves, were also firmly identified with, and were an important factor of the provincial government of New Hampshire. Mark Hunking Wentworth, Theodore Atkinson, Richard Wibird, Samuel Solly, George Jaffrey, Daniel Peirce, and Jotham Odiorne were members of the council.

The editor acknowledges himself specially indebted to Hon. Ezra S. Stearns, Secretary of State, for the statement of facts which he has incorporated in this chapter. No living student of the Masonian element in New Hampshire history has a more accurate or extensive knowledge of the subject and its literature than Mr. Stearns. His good offices in aid of the work have contributed materially to its value. It is a privilege to renew the expressions of an obligation of which we have not been unmindful in the past.

The continued interest of His Excellency, Charles A. Busiel, and the Honorable Council, and their efficient coöperation will enable the editor at an early date to complete the publication of the series of Masonian papers, and to place a most important part of the archives of our state before the public in a form for general use and special examination.

Mr. Otis G. Hammond continues as our office assistant, and is deserving of commendation for the painstaking industry and special fitness which he brings to the performance of his duties.

THE EDITOR.





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NELSON.

[Granted by the Masonian Proprietors as *Monadnock No. 6*, May 10, 1752, to John Hutchinson and others. The grant was renewed Sept. 30, 1767, and again Feb. 23, 1774. Incorporated as *Packersfield* Feb. 22, 1774, and named in honor of Thomas Packer. The present name was adopted June 14, 1814, to take effect Oct. 1, 1814. In 1777 an unsuccessful attempt was made to change the name to Sullivan. The north-west part of the town, combined with other territory, was incorporated as Sullivan Sept. 27, 1787. The southwest corner was combined with other territory to form the town of Roxbury Dec. 9, 1812. The line between Nelson and Roxbury was changed June 15, 1820, by which Nelson lost a small tract. A small piece of land was severed from Stoddard and annexed to Nelson June 25, 1835.

See New Hampshire charters in preceding volumes; XII, Hammond Town Papers, 635; Index to Laws, 394, 416; sketch, Hurd's History of Cheshire County, 1886, p. 318; sketch, Child's Gazetteer of Cheshire County, 1885, p. 340; Baptist Churches in N. H., by E. E. Cummings, 1836, p. 17; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, p. 283; Biographical Notices of Physicians, by O. P. Newell, 1, N. H. Repository, 277.]

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[*Charter of Nelson, 1752.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 7, p. 1, and Proprietors' Records, Vol. 6, p. 117.]

Province of     } Pursuant to the Power And Authority Granted  
New Hamp<sup>r</sup>     } And vested in me the Subscriber by the Prop<sup>rs</sup> of  
Lands Purchassed of John Tuffton Mason Esq in the Province of

New Hamp<sup>r</sup> by their vote passed at their meeting held at Portsmouth in Said Province The Sixth day of December A D 1751.—

I Do by these presents on the terms & Limitations with the Reservations hereafter expressed Give and Grant all the Right title property & possession of the prop<sup>rs</sup> afores<sup>d</sup> unto John Hutchinson two Shares Alexander Park two Shares Robert Park two Shares James Miller two Shares Alexander Park Jun<sup>r</sup> two Shares Joseph Park two Shares John Chamberlain Four Shares Zacheus Lovewell four Shares Samuel Searles two Shares John Kendall four Shares Joseph Danforth two Shares Sampson French four Shares Benjamin French two Shares Eleazer Farwell four Shares John Tollford two Shares William Tollford two Shares James Quenton Two Shares James Ferson two Shares Samuel Ferson two Shares Alexander Calso two Shares William Calso two Shares Robert M<sup>c</sup>Curdey Two Shares Thomas Christy two Shares Robert Gillmore two Shares Thomas m<sup>c</sup>Claughlan two Shares Robert Fletcher Jun<sup>r</sup> four Shares Jacob Fletcher four Shares James Minot two Shares Thomas Blanchard four Shares John Marchall four Shares Josiah Willard Four Shares Benjamin Farwell two Shares Ephraim adams four Shares John Searles four Shares Jonathan French four Shares Benjamin Bellows four Shares—

of in & to that tract of Land or township Called Manadnock Number Six Lying in the Province of New Hampshire Bounded as followeth Begining at the Sow-west Corner of the Premises at a beach tree In the Western line of Mason Patent Lately marked fifteen mills to The Northward of the Province line being the Northwesterly Corner Of Manadnock Number five from thence Runing South Eighty Degrees East Eight mills to a pillar of Rocks ; bounding Southerly on the townships Called manadnock Number five & Number three, & from the pillar of Stons Afores<sup>d</sup> Runs North ten Degrees East five mills to a beach tree from thence North Eighty Deg<sup>rs</sup> west one mill to the South East Corner of manadock Number Seven And to Continue the Same Corce by manad<sup>k</sup> N<sup>o</sup> 7 : Seven mills to y<sup>e</sup> Patent line afores<sup>d</sup> thence Southerly by that line to the first bounds mentioned — To them their Heirs And Assigns To Have And To Hold On the following terms And Conditions with the Reservations herein After Expressed viz<sup>t</sup> that the tract of Land Or township afores<sup>d</sup> be Divided into One Hundred And twenty Equal Shares two lotts at the least in Each Share to be finished and Drawn for in Some Equitable & publick manner at or before the last day of November which will be in the Year of Our Lord 1754 —

That three of the Afores<sup>d</sup> Shares be Granted free from Charge one for the first Settled minister one for the Ministry and One for



the School there for ever, One lot in each of the S<sup>d</sup> three Shares to be first Lay'd out in Some Convenient place, near the middle of the town and lotts Coupled to them so As not to be Drawn for —

That twenty more of S<sup>d</sup> Shares be Reserved for the Grantors their Heirs And Assigns forever and Acquitted from all Duty And Charge untill Improved by the Owners or Some holding them Respectively —

That the Owners of the Other Shares make Settlement at their Own expence in the following manner viz<sup>t</sup> each Grantee At the Expiration of three years from the Last day of November next after the date hereof on each Double Share have three Acres parcel of his Right Respectively Cleared Inclosed And fitted for mowing or tillage three Acres more in like manner Clered Inclosed And fitted as afores<sup>d</sup> then next Annually for three Years, And at the end of the S<sup>d</sup> three Years which will be on the last day of November 1758 Have a Dwelling house Built And finished fitt and Comfortable for a family to Dwell in, And a family or Some person on Each Share to Inhabit And to Continue Residency there for three years then next Coming —

That a Convenient meeting house be built in S<sup>d</sup> Township As near the Centre as Convenience will Admitt within ten Years from this date and ten Acres of Land Reserved there for Publick use——

That the Lands in S<sup>d</sup> Township Belonging to Grantors And Grantees be Subjected to have all Necessary Roads Lay'd through them As there Shall be Occasion for the future without any pay or Allowance for Damages thereby —

That the afores<sup>d</sup> Grantees their Heirs or Assigns by A Major vote in publick meeting Called for that purpose Grant and Assess in Equall proportion Such Sum or Sums of money as they Shall think necessary from time to time for Carrying forward and Compleating the Settlement afores<sup>d</sup> And every of the Grantees Exclusive of the three publick lotts who Shall neglect for the Space of thirty days next after Such Assessment Shall be granted And made (to pay the Same) so much of Such Delinquents Rights Respectively Shall and may be Sold as will pay the tax and all Charges Ariseing on the Sale by a Com'itte to be Appointed by the Grantees for that purpose

And in Case any of the Grantees Shall neglect or Refuse to Perform any of the Articles afores<sup>d</sup> by him Respectively to be done he Shall forfeit his Share & Right in S<sup>d</sup> township And every part thereof to those of the Grantees who Shall have Complied with the Conditions on their part herein Expressed And it Shall And may be Lawfull for them or any person by their Authority to enter into & upon The Right Share or part of Such Delinquent Owner in the

name and behalf of the Whole of the Grantees Who Shall Comply as afores<sup>d</sup>) to Amove Oust and expell for the use of them their heirs And Assigns Provided they Settle or Cause to be Settled each Such Delinquent Right within the term of One Year At the furthest from the Period that is by this Instrument Stipulated to be done As the Condition of this Grant And fully discharge and Comply with the Whole duty Such delinquent Ought to have done within One Year from time to time After the Respective periods thereof. And in case y<sup>e</sup> Grantees fullfilling their parts as afores<sup>d</sup> Shall neglect fullfilling as afores<sup>d</sup> the duty of any Delinquent Owner nor he himself perform it as afores<sup>d</sup> that then Such Share or Shares Shall be forfeit Revert and belong to the Grantors their Heirs And Assigns And be wholly at their Disposall

Further that the Grantees within thirty days after the S<sup>d</sup> township is Lotted Out And Drawn for Shall Return a plan and Schedule of Such Allottment And Draught Certified by the Clerk of S<sup>d</sup> Township on Oath into the Grantors Clerks office

Always Provided there Shall be no Indian War within any of the terms Limited As afores<sup>d</sup> for doing the duty Conditioned in this Grant to be done — And in Case that Shou'd Happen the Same time to be Allowed for the Respective matters afores<sup>d</sup> After Such Impediment Shall be Removed —

Further that all White pine trees fitt for masting his Majestys Royal Navey Growing on s<sup>d</sup> tract of Land be and hereby are Granted to his Majesty his heirs And Successors forever—

To all Which Premises I Joseph Blanchard Agent for and in behalf of the Grantors have hereunto Sett my hand And Seal this tenth day of may 1752 and — in y<sup>e</sup> 26<sup>th</sup> year of his Majestys Reign—

Joseph Blanchard    { LS }

A true Copy Examined

p<sup>r</sup> Mathew Thornton Prop<sup>rs</sup> Clerk

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[*Acceptance of Charter, 1753.*]

[*Masonian Papers, Vol. 7, p. 2.*]

Whereas Joseph Blanchard Esq as Agent for And in the name And behaff of the Prop<sup>rs</sup> of the Lands in the Province of New Hamp<sup>r</sup> Purchased by them of John Tufton Mason Esq Who Sold to them















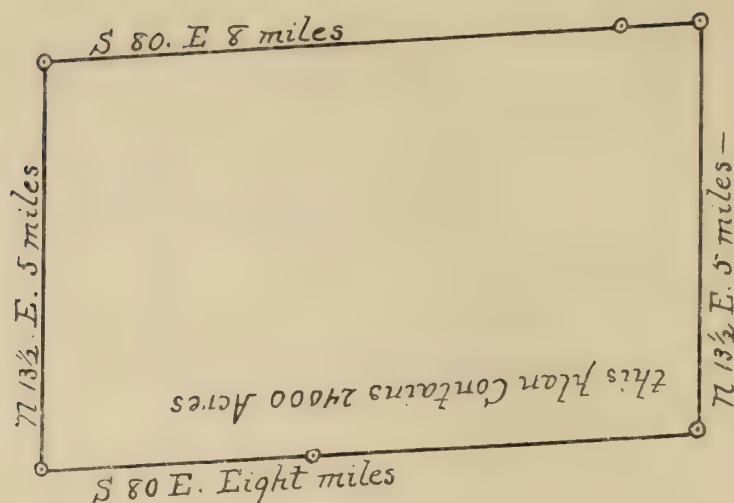
Under the title made to them by a Com'on Recovery Did on the tenth day of may A D. 1752 Grant the Contents of Eight Miles Long and five miles Broad Part of Said Lands being the Contents of about Six miles Square Bounded As Followeth Begining at the Southwest Corner of the Premises at a Beach tree in the Western line of masons Pattent Lately marked fifteen miles to the Northward of the Province line being the Northwesterly Corner of Manadnock Number five from thence Runing South Eighty degrees East Eight miles to a Pillar of Rocks Bounding Southerly on the Townships Called Manadnock Number five And three And from the Pillar of Stones afores<sup>d</sup> Runs North ten degrees East five miles to a Beach tree from thence North Eighty Degrees west One mile to the South East Corner of Manadnock Number Seven And to Continue the Same Course by Manadnock N<sup>o</sup> Seven Seven miles to the Patent line afores<sup>d</sup> thence Southerly by that line to the first Bounds mentioned—Under Certain Conditions Limitations & Reservations in Said Grant Mentioned As by S<sup>d</sup> Grant Refference thereto will fully Appear, Unto John Hutchinson Alexander Park Robert Park James Miller Alexander Park Jun<sup>r</sup> Joseph Park John Chamberlain Zacheus Lovewell Samuel Searls John Kendall Joseph Danforth Sampson French Benjamin French Eleazer Farwell John Talford William Talford James Quenton James Ferson Samuel Ferson Alexander Calso William Calso Robert M<sup>c</sup>Curdy Thomas Christe Robert Gillmore Thomas M<sup>c</sup>Cloughlan Robert Fletcher Jun<sup>r</sup> Jacob Fletcher James minot Thomas Blanchard John Marshall Josiah Willard Benjamin Farwell Ephraim Adams John Searles Jonathan French Benjamin Bellows

Therefore Unanimously voted that we do hereby Accept Said Title And for Our Selves our Heirs & Assigns Do Acknowledge that we do hold Said Lands under Said Title Conditions and Limitations with the Reservations therein Mentioned—

Extract From the votes of y<sup>e</sup> Prop<sup>rs</sup> of the Township Called Manadnock N<sup>o</sup> Six at their meeting the 15<sup>th</sup> of June 1753—

Copy Examined ☿

Mathew Thornton Prop<sup>rs</sup> Cler

[*Plan of Nelson.*]

*This plan describes Menadnock N<sup>o</sup> Six. and Contains  
24000 Acres Lay'd Out by Joseph Blanchard Jun<sup>r</sup> Surv<sup>r</sup>*

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[*Extension of Time Granted, 1767.*]

[Masonian Proprietors' Records, Sept. 30, 1767, and Masonian Papers,  
Vol. 7, p. 3.]

Whereas by a Grant of a Tract of Land made by Joseph Blanchard Esq<sup>r</sup> unto John Hutchinson, Alexander Park Rob<sup>t</sup> Park and others, dated the Sixth day of December 1751 (pursuant to a power Granted to him by said Proprietors) of the Right and Claim of said Proprietors in and to that Tract of Land or Township called Menadnock Number Six lying in said Province and bounded as in said Grant, on the Terms, Limitations and Conditions thereon Expressed, and among other Things, the several things to be done by the Grantees is Limited to different times which by Reason of sundry Impediments they could not Comply with, but as they had done much towards making the Settlement agreeable to said Grant but wanted some further time, Wherefore they prayed that such further time should be Granted as they Suppos'd would be Sufficient for said Settlement to be made,

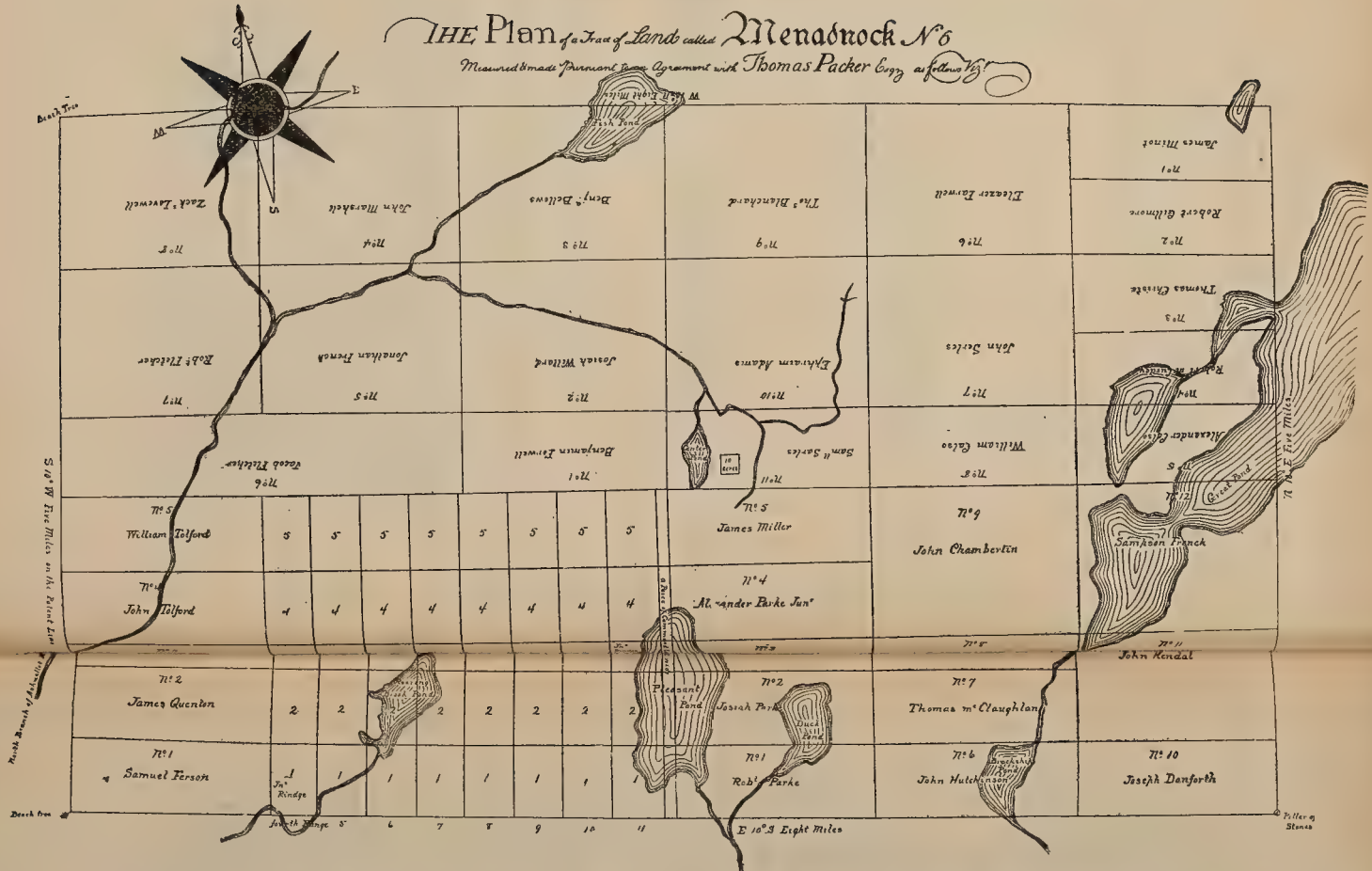








[Plan of Nelson, 1768.]



This Plan describes the extreme Bounds of the Township of Monadnock No 6 in the Province of New Hampshire, with the Course & Distance round the same as is set on said Plan, it further describes each Grantees Shares which is laid out in one Piece, which are number'd & have the Number of Grantees Names set on them as may be seen by the Plan, & the whole of said Grantees Shares are laid in Length, Easterly & Westerly 127 Rods Except the Right of Jacob Fletcher, which is laid  $\frac{1}{2}$  a Mile in Weadth & 854 Rods in Length, & Northerly & Southerly those Grantees that draw two Shares they are laid 160 Rod in Weadth & those that draw four Shares they are laid 320 Rod in Weadth & the cross Lines each Way between said Shares run parallel to the Town Lines, likewise I have laid out the Grantors Shares with the three publick Shares Vizt two Lotts to each Share containing 104 Acres each which have the Numbers of the Lotts & Ranges set on the Corners in Said Township & are number'd as is set forth in the Plan, further Proceeded to lay out the 10 Acres for Publick use, but when viewing found that the Land in the Center of said Township, would not admit of it for that purpose but in viewing found the most convenient Place in the Northeasterly Quarter of said Township, & have laid out the 10 Acres for publick use as follows Vizt Measuring from the Center of said Township E 10° S on the Line that cutts that half of the Town into Quarters 116 Rods & from thence runs N 10° E. 31 $\frac{1}{2}$  Rods to a Heap of Stones made for the S. West Corner of said 10 Acres reserved for publick use & from thence runs E. 10° S. 40 Rod to a heap of Stones, then runs N. 10° E. 40 Rod to a heap of Stones then runs W. 10° N. 40 Rod to a heap of Stones, then S. 10° W 40 Rod to the S. West Corner of the 10 Acres before mention'd. All which I have done & hereby Desire that this Plan of the Survey of said Township be recorded in the Proprietors Book of Record.

Surveyed p<sup>r</sup>

Breed Batcheller.

This plan is laid down by a Scale of 100 Rods to an Inch—

Province of New } December 7<sup>th</sup> 1768, Then the above-nam'd Breed Batchelder, made solemn Oath that this is a true Plan of the Lots of Divisions in the Hampshire. { Township Monadnock No 6, the out Side Lines with the Dividing Lines, across & thro' the Township, & the Grantors Lots, all taken from actual Surveys & Runnings well mark'd on the Spot, the Rest from Calculations & all are numbered as set forth in the Plan.—

Sworn before me

William Parker Just Pacis

The Ponds ware Drawn on S<sup>d</sup> Plan the 6 of Novr 1773 by me

Breed Batcheller





which they tho't would not Require more than two or three Years—all which being Consider'd, the said proprietors being Willing to Encourage the Settlement & to Favour the said Grantees. Therefore

Voted that the Term of two Years be and hereby is Granted to the said Grantees, and those who hold under them to fullfill and perform the said Articles, Matters & things which the said Grantees originally were obliged to do & perform—

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[*Deed from Rebecca Blanchard to Samuel Cook, 1770.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 7, p. 4.]

Know all Men by these Presents, That I Rebecca Blanchard of Dunstable In the province of New Hamp<sup>r</sup> Wid<sup>o</sup> Executrix to y<sup>e</sup> Testament of Joseph Blanchard Esq<sup>r</sup> Deceas<sup>d</sup> by virtue of a Clause in y<sup>e</sup> s<sup>d</sup> Will Impowering me to Sell any part of the Estate of the s<sup>d</sup> Joseph For and in Consideration of the Sum of Ten pounds Lawful Money of said Province to me in Hand, paid before the Delivery hereof, by Sam<sup>l</sup> Cook of a place Called Monadnock N<sup>o</sup> 6 in said province Husbandman the Receipt whereof I do hereby acknowledge, have given, granted, bargained, sold and released; and by these Presents do give, grant, bargain, sell, alien, release, convey and confirm to him the said Sam<sup>l</sup> Cook his Heirs and Assigns all that Lot of Land Lying & being in s<sup>d</sup> Township of N<sup>o</sup> 6 part of the Right of John Kendall Lying Near the Easterly End thereof Begining at the south East Corner of y<sup>e</sup> Premises at a Spruce tree from thence Running West Ten Degrees North on Hundred & Sixty Rod to a Beach Tree Marked from thence North Ten Degres East one Hundred Rods to a Hackmetack tree from thence to the first Bounds Containing by Estimation One Hundred Acres—

To Have and to Hold, the said granted Premises, with the Appurtenances thereof, to him the said Sam<sup>l</sup> Cook his Heirs and Assigns, to his & their proper Use, Benefit and Behoof forever: Hereby engaging to Warrant and Defend the said granted Premises, against all Claims or Demands of any Person or Persons claiming by, from or under me or the s<sup>d</sup> John Kendall the Grantee Under the Charter of the said Town—

In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my Hand and Seal this 12<sup>th</sup> Day of October in the 10<sup>th</sup> Year of His Majesty's Reign. Annoque Domini, 1770.

Signed, Sealed and  
Delivered in the Presence of us,  
Tim<sup>o</sup> Dustin  
Hannah Blanchard

Rebecca Blanchard      Seal

Province of } October 19<sup>th</sup> Day 1770  
 New Hamp<sup>r</sup> } Then The above-named Rebecca Blanchard Personally appearing acknowledged the above-written Instrument to be her Voluntry Act and Deed, before me,

Ezekiel Chase Justice Peace.

[Endorsed] Blanchard to Cook Rec<sup>d</sup> 15<sup>th</sup> June 1771 Recor<sup>d</sup> in Lib A, Fol 6, a True Copy

Ⓢ Jon<sup>a</sup> Willard Cler

[On the back of this deed are the following names:]

North East Quarter

Abner Stanford	Josh <sup>a</sup> Lawrence	Breed Bachelor
Spencer Smith	James Grove	Stephen West
Elias Squire	John Eastebrook	I. & J Stanhope
John Day	Benj Day	Breed Bachelor
Benj: Nurse	John Frink	Cornelius Cornell
Eliu Higby		

South West

W <sup>m</sup> Bachelor	Benj: Lines	Zephaniah Bachelor
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[*Settlements in Nelson, 1770.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 134.]

In Monadnock N<sup>o</sup> Six The first Settler Breed Batchelder  
 Settled Doct<sup>r</sup> Breed built one house on two Lotts Lotts 4<sup>th</sup> R 9<sup>th</sup>:  
 R 10<sup>th</sup>  
 Settled Stanhop L 3: R 8 and Improves L 3: R 7  
 Settled Nuton L 3: R 12—  
 Settled Parkest L 4: R 1 and Improves L 5: R 1:

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[*Remonstrance and Petition of Inhabitants, 1773.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 7, p. 5.]

To the Proprietors of the Lands Purchased of John Tufton Mason Esq<sup>r</sup> Gentlemen—

The Inhabitants of the Township of Monadnock N<sup>o</sup> 6: Beg Leave to Remonstrate to this Propriety that the Duties & Settlements Enjoined on the Grantees of this Township is not Done as you Will See



by Applying to the office Where the Invoices of the Towns in y<sup>e</sup> Province are Depositted and We are Greatly Obstructed In our Settlements for Want of a Sufficient number to Make Roads as our Lands are Very Uneaven & Rough & it Requires much Labour to Clear off the Trees when we find by Experience it Produces Such Grain & Vegetables as Will be Sufficient to Support us & Our families & we are Unwilling to Leave Our Lands We therefore pray that for your own Interest you Woud Send a Committee to View the Primeses & Cause the Delinquent Rights to be Granted to Persons that Will Promote our Settlem<sup>t</sup> And Your Petitioners In Duty Bound Shall Ever Pray—Monadnock N<sup>o</sup> 6. August 23 1773—

James Bancroft  
John newhall  
Philip Bilhash

David Marshall  
Joseph Mason  
Eleazer Twitchel  
William Follet

John farwell  
Aaron Beel  
Josiah Stanford

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[*Breed Batchellor to George Jaffrey, 1773.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 7, p. 6.]

Monadnock N<sup>o</sup> 6 oct<sup>r</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> 1773

Honoured S<sup>r</sup>

the Last time I had the Hapiness to be in your Company you ware pleased to tell me as I was mentioning to your Honour that the Blanchards ware forming a Comeplaint against me and trying to git a Number of the Settlers of monadnock N<sup>o</sup> 6 to Sign against me to the Grantors—that if any Such Complaint Should Come I Should be Served with a Copy of the Comeplaint and Names Signed against me and have an oppertunity to Defend my Self in the affair. Sir if it has, or Should Come pray Dont for Git me in this affair you may Send any time by m<sup>r</sup> Porter the post In Comeplying with the above you Greatly oblige your Honours most Hum<sup>b</sup> Serv<sup>t</sup>

Breed Batcheller

To Honourable Geo. Jeffery Esq

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[*Improvements in Nelson, 1773.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 7, p. 7.]

A List of the Northeast Quarter of monadnock Number Six as was Taken by us the Subscribers, with the Names of Each Settler Living

on s<sup>d</sup> Northeast Quarter now—and the Number of the Lots & Ranges they Live on and the Number of Ratable poles also the Number of persons in Each Family and Number of acres Improving by Each Settler and also the Number of acres Improving by them that Dont Live Stidy in s<sup>d</sup> Town with Each owners Name anexed to the Lots

Mens Names	N <sup>o</sup> of the Lots	N <sup>o</sup> of the Ranges	N <sup>o</sup> of Rat- able poles	Persons in Each Family	N <sup>o</sup> of acres Improving
D <sup>r</sup> Nathaniel Breed .	4 & 5	9 & 10	3	7	54
Nath <sup>l</sup> Breed Jr .	3	9	0	1	1½
John Breed .	4	9	0	1	15
william Follet .	2	7	1	6	20
Jonathan Nickols .	1	3	1	3	15
Abijah Brown .	2	9	1	2	35
Thomas upham .	1	8	1	1	20
John wellman .	5	7	1	1	10
abraham Griffeth .	5	6	1	1	18
John Stroud .	4	6	1	3	19
Joseph Stanhope .	3	8	3	5	40
John Estabrook .	3	10	1	1	12
Isaac & John Stanhope	0	0	0	0	0
			14 poles	32	278½ acres

The above is an Exact account of those Now Living on the Northeast Quarter of monadnock Number Six

and the Following is an Exact account of those that are Improving on the above mentioned N. E. Quarter but Dont Live there Stidy



Mens Names	N <sup>o</sup> of the Lots	N <sup>o</sup> of the Ranges	N <sup>o</sup> of acres Improving
John Day . . . . .	2	6	16 acres
Benja <sup>a</sup> Day . . . . .	1	7	7
Breed Batcheller . . . . .	1	6	20
Ditto small Grist mill . . . . .	1	5	25
Ditto . . . . .	1	4	23
Ditto . . . . .	2	3	2
Benja <sup>a</sup> Nurse Jr . . . . .	2	12	8
Dr John Frink . . . . .	3	12	12
Cornelius Cornell . . . . .	2	8	2
Elihu Higbe . . . . .	2	10	12
10—Carried over the Last mentioned to the other Side . . . . .			127 acres
Abner Stanford . . . . .	2	3	2
Joshua Lawrance . . . . .	1	9	1½
Breed Batchellers . . . . .	4	12	3 with a Sawmill
Ditto . . . . .	5	12	7
Ditto Center Farm . . . . .	5	11	15
Ithamar Smith . . . . .	4	7	5
Joseph Blancard ½ Lot . . . . .	4	8	2
James Grover ½ Lot . . . . .	4	8	5
Stephen Treat . . . . .	3	7	7
Elias Squire . . . . .	3	6	8
Brought from the other Side . . . . .			127
added these that Live in Town . . . . .			182½ acres 278½
Sume Total of acres Clearing . . . . .			461 acres
30 Duties 12 acres Each is . . . . .			360
			101 acres more then 30 Duties

May it Pleas your Excellency these two pages Represent the True  
State of the Northeast quarter of monadnock N<sup>o</sup> 6 with those that  
Live on S<sup>d</sup> Quarter & those that Dont Live there Stidy that are Im-  
proving—Taken by us the Subscribers according to the Best of our  
Skill and Judgment which we are Ready to make oath to if Required  
oct<sup>r</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> 1773  
Abijah Browne  
Thomas upham  
Breed Batcheller

CHARTER RECORDS.

[Plan of Nelson.]

The Plan of a Tract of Land called Monadnock No.  
Measured & made pursuant to an Agreement with Tho<sup>s</sup> Parker Esq<sup>r</sup> as follows viz<sup>t</sup>  
Copy of Plan returned & Tho<sup>s</sup> Parker Esq<sup>r</sup> on a Smaller Scale

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12									
1	James Merrill	72°1	1	428	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		Benj <sup>o</sup> Willows	850	72°4	850	John Marshall	850	Zach <sup>us</sup> Lovewell	850
2	Robert Gillmore	72°2	2	428	2	72°6	2	850	2	2	2	2		Benj <sup>o</sup> Willows	850	72°4	850	John Marshall	850	Zach <sup>us</sup> Lovewell	850
3	Thomas Christie	72°3	3	428	3	72°6	3	850	3	3	3	3		Benj <sup>o</sup> Willows	850	72°4	850	John Marshall	850	Zach <sup>us</sup> Lovewell	850
4	Rob <sup>t</sup> McCurdy	72°4	4	4	4	72°7	4	850	4	4	4	4		Benj <sup>o</sup> Willows	850	72°4	850	John Marshall	850	Zach <sup>us</sup> Lovewell	850
5	Alexand <sup>r</sup> Calso	72°5	5	5	5	72°8	5	850	5	5	5	5		Benj <sup>o</sup> Willows	850	72°4	850	John Marshall	850	Zach <sup>us</sup> Lovewell	850
6	Delinquent	72°6	6	6	6	72°9	6	850	6	6	6	6		Benj <sup>o</sup> Willows	850	72°4	850	John Marshall	850	Zach <sup>us</sup> Lovewell	850
7	Delinquent	72°7	7	7	7	72°10	7	850	7	7	7	7		Benj <sup>o</sup> Willows	850	72°4	850	John Marshall	850	Zach <sup>us</sup> Lovewell	850
8	Delinquent	72°8	8	8	8	72°11	8	850	8	8	8	8		Benj <sup>o</sup> Willows	850	72°4	850	John Marshall	850	Zach <sup>us</sup> Lovewell	850
9	Delinquent	72°9	9	9	9	72°12	9	850	9	9	9	9		Benj <sup>o</sup> Willows	850	72°4	850	John Marshall	850	Zach <sup>us</sup> Lovewell	850
10	Delinquent	72°10	10	10	10	72°13	10	850	10	10	10	10		Benj <sup>o</sup> Willows	850	72°4	850	John Marshall	850	Zach <sup>us</sup> Lovewell	850
11	Delinquent	72°11	11	11	11	72°14	11	850	11	11	11	11		Benj <sup>o</sup> Willows	850	72°4	850	John Marshall	850	Zach <sup>us</sup> Lovewell	850
12	Delinquent	72°12	12	12	12	72°15	12	850	12	12	12	12		Benj <sup>o</sup> Willows	850	72°4	850	John Marshall	850	Zach <sup>us</sup> Lovewell	850
13	Delinquent	72°13	13	13	13	72°16	13	850	13	13	13	13		Benj <sup>o</sup> Willows	850	72°4	850	John Marshall	850	Zach <sup>us</sup> Lovewell	850
14	Delinquent	72°14	14	14	14	72°17	14	850	14	14	14	14		Benj <sup>o</sup> Willows	850	72°4	850	John Marshall	850	Zach <sup>us</sup> Lovewell	850
15	Delinquent	72°15	15	15	15	72°18	15	850	15	15	15	15		Benj <sup>o</sup> Willows	850	72°4	850	John Marshall	850	Zach <sup>us</sup> Lovewell	850
16	Delinquent	72°16	16	16	16	72°19	16	850	16	16	16	16		Benj <sup>o</sup> Willows	850	72°4	850	John Marshall	850	Zach <sup>us</sup> Lovewell	850
17	Delinquent	72°17	17	17	17	72°20	17	850	17	17	17	17		Benj <sup>o</sup> Willows	850	72°4	850	John Marshall	850	Zach <sup>us</sup> Lovewell	850
18	Delinquent	72°18	18	18	18	72°21	18	850	18	18	18	18		Benj <sup>o</sup> Willows	850	72°4	850	John Marshall	850	Zach <sup>us</sup> Lovewell	850
19	Delinquent	72°19	19	19	19	72°22	19	850	19	19	19	19		Benj <sup>o</sup> Willows	850	72°4	850	John Marshall	850	Zach <sup>us</sup> Lovewell	850
20	Delinquent	72°20	20	20	20	72°23	20	850	20	20	20	20		Benj <sup>o</sup> Willows	850	72°4	850	John Marshall	850	Zach <sup>us</sup> Lovewell	850
21	Delinquent	72°21	21	21	21	72°24	21	850	21	21	21	21		Benj <sup>o</sup> Willows	850	72°4	850	John Marshall	850	Zach <sup>us</sup> Lovewell	850
22	Delinquent	72°22	22	22	22	72°25	22	850	22	22	22	22		Benj <sup>o</sup> Willows	850	72°4	850	John Marshall	850	Zach <sup>us</sup> Lovewell	850
23	Delinquent	72°23	23	23	23	72°26	23	850	23	23	23	23		Benj <sup>o</sup> Willows	850	72°4	850	John Marshall	850	Zach <sup>us</sup> Lovewell	850
24	Delinquent	72°24	24	24	24	72°27	24	850	24	24	24	24		Benj <sup>o</sup> Willows	850	72°4	850	John Marshall	850	Zach <sup>us</sup> Lovewell	850
25	Delinquent	72°25	25	25	25	72°28	25	850	25	25	25	25		Benj <sup>o</sup> Willows	850	72°4	850	John Marshall	850	Zach <sup>us</sup> Lovewell	850
26	Delinquent	72°26	26	26	26	72°29	26	850	26	26	26	26		Benj <sup>o</sup> Willows	850	72°4	850	John Marshall	850	Zach <sup>us</sup> Lovewell	850
27	Delinquent	72°27	27	27	27	72°30	27	850	27	27	27	27		Benj <sup>o</sup> Willows	850	72°4	850	John Marshall	850	Zach <sup>us</sup> Lovewell	850
28	Delinquent	72°28	28	28	28	72°31	28	850	28	28	28	28		Benj <sup>o</sup> Willows	850	72°4	850	John Marshall	850	Zach <sup>us</sup> Lovewell	850
29	Delinquent	72°29	29	29	29	72°32	29	850	29	29	29	29		Benj <sup>o</sup> Willows	850	72°4	850	John Marshall	850	Zach <sup>us</sup> Lovewell	850
30	Delinquent	72°30	30	30	30	72°33	30	850	30	30	30	30		Benj <sup>o</sup> Willows	850	72°4	850	John Marshall	850	Zach <sup>us</sup> Lovewell	850
31	Delinquent	72°31	31	31	31	72°34	31	850	31	31	31	31		Benj <sup>o</sup> Willows	850	72°4	850	John Marshall	850	Zach <sup>us</sup> Lovewell	850
32	Delinquent	72°32	32	32	32	72°35	32	850	32	32	32	32		Benj <sup>o</sup> Willows	850	72°4	850	John Marshall	850	Zach <sup>us</sup> Lovewell	850
33	Delinquent	72°33	33	33	33	72°36	33	850	33	33	33	33		Benj <sup>o</sup> Willows	850	72°4	850	John Marshall	850	Zach <sup>us</sup> Lovewell	850
34	Delinquent	72°34	34	34	34	72°37	34	850	34	34	34	34		Benj <sup>o</sup> Willows	850	72°4	850	John Marshall	850	Zach <sup>us</sup> Lovewell	850
35	Delinquent	72°35	35	35	35	72°38	35	850	35	35	35	35		Benj <sup>o</sup> Willows	850	72°4	850	John Marshall	850	Zach <sup>us</sup> Lovewell	850
36	Delinquent	72°36	36	36	36	72°39	36	850	36	36	36	36		Benj <sup>o</sup> Willows	850	72°4	850	John Marshall	850	Zach <sup>us</sup> Lovewell	850
37	Delinquent	72°37	37	37	37	72°40	37	850	37	37	37	37		Benj <sup>o</sup> Willows	850	72°4	850	John Marshall	850	Zach <sup>us</sup> Lovewell	850
38	Delinquent	72°38	38	38	38	72°41	38	850	38	38	38	38		Benj <sup>o</sup> Willows	850	72°4	850	John Marshall	850	Zach <sup>us</sup> Lovewell	850
39	Delinquent	72°39	39	39	39	72°42	39	850	39	39	39	39		Benj <sup>o</sup> Willows	850	72°4	850	John Marshall	850	Zach <sup>us</sup> Lovewell	850
40	Delinquent	72°40	40	40	40	72°43	40	850	40	40	40	40		Benj <sup>o</sup> Willows	850	72°4	850	John Marshall	850	Zach <sup>us</sup> Lovewell	850
41	Delinquent	72°41	41	41	41	72°44	41	850	41	41	41	41		Benj <sup>o</sup> Willows	850	72°4	850	John Marshall	850	Zach <sup>us</sup> Lovewell	850
42	Delinquent	72°42	42	42	42	72°45	42	850	42	42	42	42		Benj <sup>o</sup> Willows	850	72°4	850	John Marshall	850	Zach <sup>us</sup> Lovewell	850
43	Delinquent	72°43	43	43	43	72°46	43	850	43	43	43	43		Benj <sup>o</sup> Willows	850	72°4	850	John Marshall	850	Zach <sup>us</sup> Lovewell	850
44	Delinquent	72°44	44	44	44	72°47	44	850	44	44	44	44		Benj <sup>o</sup> Willows	850	72°4	850	John Marshall	850	Zach <sup>us</sup> Lovewell	850
45	Delinquent	72°45	45	45	45	72°48	45	850	45	45	45	45		Benj <sup>o</sup> Willows	850	72°4	850	John Marshall	850	Zach <sup>us</sup> Lovewell	850
46	Delinquent	72°46	46	46	46	72°49	46	850	46	46	46	46		Benj <sup>o</sup> Willows	850	72°4	850	John Marshall	850	Zach <sup>us</sup> Lovewell	850
47	Delinquent	72°47	47	47	47	72°50	47	850	47	47	47	47		Benj <sup>o</sup> Willows	850	72°4	850	John Marshall	850	Zach <sup>us</sup> Lovewell	850
48	Delinquent	72°48	48	48	48	72°51	48	850	48	48	48	48		Benj <sup>o</sup> Willows	850	72°4	850	John Marshall	850	Zach <sup>us</sup> Lovewell	850
49	Delinquent	72°49	49	49	49	72°52	49	850	49	49	49	49		Benj <sup>o</sup> Willows	850	72°4	850	John Marshall	850	Zach <sup>us</sup> Lovewell	850
50	Delinquent	72°50	50	50	50	72°53	50	850	50	50	50	50		Benj <sup>o</sup> Willows	850	72°4	850	John Marshall	850	Zach <sup>us</sup> Lovewell	850
51	Delinquent	72°51	51	51	51	72°54	51	850	51	51	51	51		Benj <sup>o</sup> Willows	850	72°4	850	John Marshall	850	Zach <sup>us</sup> Lovewell	850
52	Delinquent	72°52	52	52	52	72°55	52	850	52	52	52	52		Benj <sup>o</sup> Willows	850	72°4	850	John Marshall	850	Zach <sup>us</sup> Lovewell	850
53	Delinquent	72°53	53	53	53	72°56	53	850	53	53	53	53		Benj <sup>o</sup> Willows	850	72°4	850	John Marshall	850	Zach <sup>us</sup> Lovewell	850
54	Delinquent	72°54	54	54	54	72°57	54	850	54	54	54	54		Benj <sup>o</sup> Willows	850	72°4	850	John Marshall	850	Zach <sup>us</sup> Lovewell	850
55	Delinquent	72°55	55	55	55	72°58	55	850	55	55	55	55		Benj <sup>o</sup> Willows	850	72°4	850	John Marshall	850	Zach <sup>us</sup> Lovewell	850
56	Delinquent	72°56	56	56	56	72°59	56	850	56	56	56	56		Benj <sup>o</sup> Willows	850	72°4	850	John Marshall	850	Zach <sup>us</sup> Lovewell	850
57	Delinquent	72°57	57	57	57	72°60	57	850	57	57	57	57		Benj <sup>o</sup> Willows	850	72°4	850	John Marshall	850	Zach <sup>us</sup> Lovewell	850
58	Delinquent	72°58	58	58	58	72°61	58	850	58	58	58	58		Benj <sup>o</sup> Willows	850	72°4	850	John Marshall	850	Zach <sup>us</sup> Lovewell	850
59	Delinquent	72°59	59	59	59	72°62	59	850	59	59	59	59		Benj <sup>o</sup> Willows	850	72°4	850	John Marshall	850	Zach <sup>us</sup> Lovewell	850
60	Delinquent	72°60	60	60	60	72°63	60	850	60	60	60	60		Benj <sup>o</sup> Willows	850	72°4	850	John Marshall	850	Zach <sup>us</sup> Lovewell	850
61	Delinquent	72°61	61	61	61	72°64	61	850	61	61	61	61		Benj <sup>o</sup> Willows	850	72°4	850	John Marshall	850	Zach <sup>us</sup> Lovewell	850
62	Delinquent	72°62	62	62	62	72°65	62	850	62	62	62	62		Benj <sup>o</sup> Willows	850	72°4	850	John Marshall	850	Zach <sup>us</sup> Lovewell	850
63	Delinquent	72°63	63	63	63	72°66	63	850	63	63	63	63		Benj <sup>o</sup> Willows	850	72°4	850	John Marshall	850	Zach <sup>us</sup> Lovewell	850
64	Delinquent	72°64	64	64	64	72°67	64	850	64	64	64	64		Benj <sup>o</sup> Willows	850	72°4	850	John Marshall	850	Zach <sup>us</sup> Lovewell	850
65	Delinquent	72°65	65	65	65	72°68	65	850	65	65	65	65		Benj <sup>o</sup> Willows	850	72°					



[*Improvements in Nelson, 1773.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 7, p. 8.]

An account of all the Rights in the Southeast Quarter Except the Seven Rights Belong to the Heirs of the Late Coll Blanchard Deceased—Being 8 Rights)

				that are Improving
on John Chamberlin Right	.	.	2 Duties	
. Salvanus morse	.	.	.	16 acres
Jabez Grover	.	.	.	.6
. ariel peck	.	.	.	.1
. Seth Higbe	.	.	.	.1
. oseph Chilson	.	.	.	.6
Beriah wetmore	.	.	.	20
Samuel Everit	.	.	.	10
James millers Right	.	.	1 Duty	
Breed Batchellers	.	.	Estabrooks place	17
amos Skiner	.	.	.	13
Alexander Parks Jr Right	.	.	1 Duty	
no Body on it	.	.	.	
alexander Parks Right	.	.	1 Duty	
John Adams	.	.	.	25
Josiah Parks Right	.	.	1 Duty	
Aaron Beel	.	.	.	40
John Speney	.	.	.	.2
Philip Billash	.	.	.	15
Robert Parks Right	.	.	1 Duty	
. Daniel wood	.	.	a Grist mill & Bolting mill	
. Spencer Pratt	.	.	.	18
John Ferwell	.	.	.	10
John Scarlet Newhall	.	.	.	4
Benj <sup>a</sup> Frenches Right	.	.	1 Duty	
James Bancroft	.	.	.	40
				244 acres

Note those that have Dotts against there Names Dont Live in Town: stidy and the others are Living in the above mentioned Rights

Pleas to Look on the other Side

Brought from the other Side . . . . . 244 acres

the Eight Rights was to Clear 12 acres on Each Right is . 96

148 acres over

which 8 Rights have 12 Settlers on them

The above and what is on the other Side is a Trew account Taken according to the Best of our Skill & Judgement  
oct<sup>r</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> 1773—

Abijah Browne  
Thomas upham  
Breed Batcheller

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[*Petition of Inhabitants to Governor, 1773.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 7, p. 9.]

To his Excellency John wentworth Esq<sup>r</sup> Captain General Govonor & Commander in Cheif in and over his majestys Province of New Hampshire & Vice admeral of the Same &C—

The Subscribers Inhabetants of a Place Known by the Name of Monadnock Number Six Beg Leave Humbly to Shew to your Excellency, that whareas, a Petition or Remonstrance, has been Prefferd to your Excellecy by Sundry of the Settlers of Said Number Six Setting forth there Desire, not to have Said Number Six Incorporated, and also a Complaint against Breed Batcheller for not fulfilling his obligations with Regard of Settling Said Number Six and making Roads & C. which has Occasioned Several Families to Leave the Town, and that by the Original Grant the Grantees where obliged to Settle Said Township within a Certain Limeted time with Sixty Families and that there was not but Twenty Families in said Township, Eleven of which are on Land Called Blanchards Quarter, and also an oppertunity to Chuse another Clerk & Treasurer, with an Insinuation that no Votes Can be obtained with out Said Batchellers Consent

your Petitioners Beg Leave to make the Following answers to the Premises, and with Regard to an Incorporation of said Township your Petitioners Beg Leave to Shew to your Excellency that there was a proprietors meeting Last march (Leagally held as your Petitioners apprehend) when a majorrety of Votes was obtained to have Said Number Six Incorporated, though Said Batcheller Did not Vote but Publicly Say in open meeting before Said Vote Passed, that if Said Township Should be Incorporated the Burden would Lie on the Inhabetants and Desired that they would Consider well on the matter But your Petitioners are not anxciuous wheather it is Incorporated or not but would be Glad to Leave it to your Excellencys wise Determination—

your Petitioners would Shew to your Excellency there is Dwelling in Said Township Twenty one Families Besides thirty or forty other



Persons that have began and made Considerable Improvements, and your Petitioners are of opinion that there would have been Settled in Said Township, many more Families or Persons had it not been for the Scarsety of Provisions, for Several years Past, which Scarsety occasioned the Removel of Several Families or Settlers and not the Bad Roads as mentioned in the Remonstrance—and your Petitioners Trust that your Excellency will Excuse them if they Shew to your Excellency that Said Township was to be Settled within a Certain Limeted time with Fifty Families or Persons, and not Sixty Families as mentioned in Said Remonstrance, and as to the Eleven Families on Blanchards Quarter your Petitioners trust your Excellency will Pardon them if they Shew to your Excellency that they are Settled in that Part of the Town where Blanchards Lands Lies, and are on other Lands, three Families only Excepted which are the only Settlers that are on the the Seven Rights Belonging to the Heirs of the Late Coll. Blanchard and also an Insinuation that no Votes Could be obtained with out Said Batchellers Consent, we trust your Excellency will pardon us if we Shew to your Excellency that we have Generally attended the Proprietors meetings and Dont Remember that m<sup>r</sup> Batcheller Ever Exersised any othorrety Lawful or unLawful, or that he Ever Voted Except in three or four Instances, some of which we Beg Leave to Shew to your Excellency when the first meeting was Called by a Justice who Moderated Said meeting Some of the Proprietors where Desirious of having said meeting adjourned, but Said Batcheller Voted to have it Go on to Save the Cost of the Justices Coming again—the Second was that M<sup>r</sup> Batcheller Voted that the Proprietors Should have Leave to work out there Taxes in Stid of paying the money—the Third was Said Batcheller Voted one hapeney per acre Laid on Each Right for Repairing the Roads, and as to an oppertunity to Chuse another Treasurer & Clerk, your Petitioners suggest that your Petitioners are Fully Convinced that your Excellency will not Interfeer in that affair, but Leave them to Chuse there Treasurer and Clerk as Derected by Law—the Present Treasurer and Clerk we have no objections to tho he him Self is not fond of the office and your Petitioners would Beg Leave to Inform your Excellency that y<sup>e</sup> Roades are well made for the time Said town has been Settled and that M<sup>r</sup> Batcheller Never was Surveyor in the East half of the Town where Said Remonstrance was taken—and your Petitioners Beg Leave to Suggest to your Excellency that they are of opinion that Said Batcheller has Done all he Could to Bring Forward the Settlement of Said Township and what he thought Best, for the Interest of the Proprietors and Settlers, and your petitioners

Imagain that there has been as good Progreess made in Settling said Township as any other New Town in the County Notwithstanding Said Batcheller has Laboured under Great Disadvangages on account of his Ill State of helth which Obliged him to Leave the Town one Sumer your Petitioners are Very Sorry that any Disputes Should Happen with Regard to Settling said Township, and are Sorry to make mention of what they Immagain to be the occasion of said Remonstrance, but Justice at this time seems to Require it—we therefore hope your Excellency will not take it a miss if they Inform your Excellency that the Before mentioned Remonstrance was Procured by the Influence and at the Request of Some of Coll. Blanchards Heirs, Because Said Batcheller as Collector had Disposed of Some of there Land at Vandue for payment of there Taxes, after Being Due Several years—your Petitioners therefore Humbly pray that the Settlement and peace of Said Number Six may not be Disturbed by Privet animosetys, and that your Excellency would take the Premises into Consideration, and Do that which your Excellency in your Great wisdom Shall See fit all which is most Humbly Submitted by your Excellencys most Humb. Serv<sup>ts</sup>

oct<sup>r</sup> 14<sup>th</sup> 1773—

John Stroud	Beriah Wetmore	Joseph Stanhope
Jonathan Nickols	Thomas upham	Abraham Griffeth
Abijah Browne	John Le Bourveau	James Phillips
Nath <sup>l</sup> Breed	Nathanael Breed jun	

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[*Retraction by Signers of Remonstrance, 1773.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 7, p. 10.]

To his Excellency John Wentworth Esq Cap<sup>t</sup> Generall & Governour in Chief in & over the Province of New Hampshire & Vice Admiral of the same—

the Subscribers Humbly Shew & give your Excellency to Be informed that some time Since We Sign'd a Petition as Inhabitants of Monadnock Number Six setting forth that the Duty which was Enjoyed in said Grant was not Compleated & Particularly that M<sup>r</sup> Batchellor had not fulfilled his Obligations with regard to Setling said Township Makeing Roads, &c We not being so well acquainted with Circumstances of said Number Six as we are now, & Confiding too much in what M<sup>r</sup> James Blanchard Said & at whose Request said Remonstrance was made, find the Affairs are not as Represented in



said Petition & therefore Humbly pray that your Excellency will take no further Notice thereof but Ask your Excellencys forgiveness for Troubling your Excellency with said Petition

as in Duty Bound shall ever pray

Monadnock N<sup>o</sup> 6 oct<sup>r</sup> 18<sup>th</sup> 1773

Phillip Balyah

John Adams

Joseph mason

Aaron Beel

John Scarlet newhall

William Follet

John Farwell

Eleazer Twitchel

James Bancroft

Josiah Stanford

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[*Petition of Nathaniel Breed, 1773.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 7, p. 11.]

To his Excellency John Wentworth Esq<sup>r</sup> Cap<sup>t</sup> General and Governour in Chieff in and Over his Majesties Province of New Hampshire and Vice admiral of the Same &c—

May it Please Your Excellency I the Subscriber beg Your Excellencys Favour and Clemency while I Relate a Few facts Relating to the affairs of Monadnock N<sup>o</sup> 6 Whereas a Petition has bin Presented to Your Excellency against the Proprietors of Said N<sup>o</sup> 6 & in Particular Seems to be Mainly Pointed against Ens<sup>n</sup> Breed Batcheller to Do Justice to the Proprietors and M<sup>r</sup> Batchellor I would Inform Your Excellency that I was with M<sup>r</sup> Batcheller In Laying Out the township when I Moved into town Was the Seacond family that was in it which is Just Five Years this Month and Believe Know as Much as any or More of the affairs of S<sup>d</sup> town I think the town is as forward as any & as Good Roads or Better for the time it has bin Setling the Scarcity of Provisions I believe is the Reason that hath hindred Some from Comeing in and Caused Others to Move Out of the town & Not bad Roads as has bin Represented Likewise great Numbers have had Lands Given them and Others have bought in Order to Settle and above Sixty Lots to My Certain Knowledge have Considerable Cleared & Some Others a Little & Many are Preparing now to Move into the town Soon as Possible M<sup>r</sup> Batcheller has Sold land to None but Such as Promised him to settle it tho to My Knowledge Many have fel back and he hath Done all that he thought Was best to forward the Settlement of the township & Never sued any that Lived in the town but helped them what he Could to live I Believe No One has Just Reason to Complain of him as Treasurer or Clerk and he Never was & is Not now a Surveyor for the East half of the town where Chief of the Setlers and all the Complainers live if the town was In-

corporated I believe it would Very Much forward the Settlement of the town and the Gospel in it as it will Put us in a way to Do it as to M<sup>r</sup> James Blanchard (the first time I Ever Saw him we Travilling alone) he told Me that he Would Do M<sup>r</sup> Batcheller what Ingury he Could if he would Not Give up the Vendue Land, which I think he m<sup>r</sup> Bacheller Justly Sold (and he has told Me he would Return on their setling all & Paying Lawful Charge and he has Returned the Land to several) & I believe is the only Reason that he James Blanchard & M<sup>r</sup> James Bancroft got those People who I believe were Mostly Innocent to sign against the Incorporation and M<sup>r</sup> Batchellor which has a Tendency to Destroy and Hurt the Settlement of Said township and Break Up the Harmony that hath Conspicuously subsisted amongst the settlers but a few that Signed against M<sup>r</sup> Batcheller have bin long in the town or Known what has bin Done to forward the settlement of it as I was the Proprietors Moderator at the Meeting last March when Vote Was Obtained to have the town Incorporated & Can Certifie Your Excellency that those People that Signed the Petition against the Incorporation and Proprietors were those that Voted for it M<sup>r</sup> Batchellor & Others advised them at the Meeting to think well Over what they Did & told then the Consequence it shews their Unconstancy I beg Leave Humbly to besearch Your Excellencys favour to the Proprietors and Inhabitants as We begin to live and take Courage Much More Might be Said but fear to Incur Your Displeasure and tire Your Patience beg Leave to Subscribe Your Excellencys Most Obedient Most Obliged & Humble serv<sup>t</sup> and well wisher

Monadnock N<sup>o</sup> Six

Nath<sup>l</sup> Breed

Oct<sup>r</sup> 20<sup>th</sup> 1773

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[*Letter in Behalf of Breed Batchellor, 1773.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 7, p. 12.]

Monadnock N<sup>o</sup> 6 Oct: 22<sup>d</sup> 1773

*May it Please Your Excellency*

We the Subscribers Make Bold to write a few Lines to Your Excellency we Trust Your Excellency will Pardon us for So Doing when You Consider that we do it in behalf of the Township of Monadnock N<sup>o</sup> 6 and Ens<sup>n</sup> Breed Batcheller as their Hath bin Complaints against them both we have bin in the town five Years or More & have bin acquainted with the affairs of the town & in particular with M<sup>r</sup> Batcheller and We think it strange to hear their is Such a Report Gone to Your Excellency for We are of Opinion that None of y<sup>e</sup> Inhabitance



of S<sup>d</sup> N<sup>o</sup> 6 have Just Reason to Complain of M<sup>r</sup> Bacheller for being Slack about Setling the Town or for Oppressing the People or for his Not Making Roads or for his Not being faithful in any Post to which he hath bin Chosen for we think that he hath Done his Utmost for the forwarding the Settlement of the town & he hath bin a Very Obliging friend to those that were in Disstress and to Us in Particular but Some have Signed against M<sup>r</sup> Batcheller tho We trust Most of them ware Prevailed with by the Insinuation of M<sup>r</sup> James Blanchard as Some of them have acknowledged & we are of Opinion that this Town is as forward in Settlemnt as any for the time it hath bin Setling thus begging Your Excellencys Favour for the town & beg Leave to Subscribe Your Excellencys Very Humbl Serv<sup>ts</sup>

Abijah Brown  
Thomas Upham

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[*Statistics of Families Moved Away, 1773.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 7, p. 13.]

A List of the People that have Lived on the Northeast Quarter of monadnock N<sup>o</sup> 6—that have moved out of Said Township and the Number of the Lots and Ranges they Lived on—Term of time they ware Resident in S<sup>d</sup> Township N<sup>o</sup> of Ratable polls—N<sup>o</sup> of Persons in Each Family and N<sup>o</sup> of acres Improving by Each Settler

mens Names	years Resi- dent in N° 6	N° of the Lots on	N° of the Range	N° of Rat- able poles	N° of persons in Each Family	N° of acres Im Proving
Jonathan Parkhurst .	3½	1 & 1	in 4 & 5	3	11	48
John Proute .	3½	2	6	1	4	16
Samuel willson .	3	2	7	1	1	20
Johnson Proute .	2	1	7	1	1	7
Robert Graham .	2	1	6	1	1	7
william Graham .	½	1	6	1	1	2
Ephariam Segers .	1	1	6	1	1	11
Seth & John Higbe .	1	5	12	2	4	10
Elihu Higbe .	1	2	10	1	1	4
Stephen Treat .	½	3	7	1	1	7
Elias Squire .	½	3	6	1	1	8
Thadeus Estabrook .	1	3	10	1	1	12
Richard Newton .	3½	3	12	1	6	12
wentrop Hoit .	½	2	10	1	1	4
Nehemiah Eliot .	½	4	8	2	2	6
Ithamar Smith .	1	4	7	2	2	6
Nathan Barns .	2	2	10	1	1	4
abner Stanford .	2	3	3	1	1	2
michel woodcock .	2	5	7	1	1	3
michel woodcock Jr .	1	5	7	1	7	
						49
						189

The above is an Exact account Taken according to the Best of our  
Skil & Judgment  
oct<sup>r</sup> 22<sup>th</sup> 1773—

To his Excellency John wentworth Esq<sup>r</sup>

A List of the People that have Lived in the Southwest Quarter of  
N° 6 that are Not in Town

on the Right of James Quenton—

william Batchellor	3½ years	1 pole	1 In family	8 acres	cleard	
Ditto on the Right of Samuel Ferson	—					16—
Jabez Billings Deceased	1½ years	1	—	3	—	6
william Herrington	2 D°	1	—	3	—	4
Benj <sup>a</sup> Lynds	1½	—	1	—	1	2
Joseph Symmonds	1½	—	1	—	1	7
John Davis	1½	—	1	—	1	6



	S. E. Quarter James Millers Right				
Ithamar Smith J <sup>r</sup>		1½ year	1	—	1 — 12
	John Chamberlins Right				
Salvanus Morse		2 years	1	—	1 — 16
		8 poles	12 in family		77 acres

[Improvements in Nelson, 1773.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 7, p. 14.]

A Trew State of the 5 Rights in the Southwest Quarter of monadnock N<sup>o</sup> 6 with an account of those Living on Said Quarter & those that are Improving and not Stidy here

	on the Right of James Quenton				
Breed Batcheller	6½ years	with	4, or 5,	Labouring men	100 acres
John Le Bourveau	3½	.	.	.	13 —
. william Batcheller	3½	.	.	.	8
	on the Right of Samuel Ferson				
Breed Batcheller	0	.	.	.	40
. Joseph Symmonds	½	.	.	.	7
william Batcheller	0	.	.	.	16
. Benj <sup>a</sup> Lynds	½	.	.	.	4
. Henry Bemis	¼	.	.	.	4
James Phillips	1	.	.	.	8
. John Davis	½	.	.	.	3
	william Tolfords Right				
. Zephaniah Batcheller	.	.	.	.	2
					205 acres

Did the Duties of the Right of John Tolford & James Ferson on the other three Rights

The above is Taken according to the Best of our Skill & Judgement oct<sup>r</sup> 22<sup>th</sup> 1773

N B. those that have a Dott against there Names Dont Live in Town Stidy

Abijah Browne  
Thomas upham  
Breed Batcheller

5 Rights whare to Clear 12 acres Each which is 5 times 12 or 60 acres — Subtracted from 205 acres  
60

Leaves over & above— 145 ar

[*Letter in Behalf of Breed Batchellor, 1773.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 7, p. 15.]

Charlstown october 22<sup>th</sup> 1773—

may it Pleas your Excellency we the Subscribers Formerly Being Inhabetants of monadnock N<sup>o</sup> 6 for sundry years Beg Leave Humbly to Shew to your Excellency that whereas there is a Remonstrance to your Excellency against the Proprietors of monadnock N<sup>o</sup> 6, but In perticular it Seems to pint out Ens<sup>n</sup> Breed Batcheller and our Leaving the Town for want of Roads and his opressing the People and us we hope your Excellency will Excuse us if we Inform your Excellency that was not the Case—and as to the s<sup>d</sup> Batchellers not making Roads—we would Shew to your Excellency, that he Never was Surveyor for high ways in the East half of the Town where the people Lived that Signed the Petition against him—but we Beleve that s<sup>d</sup> Batcheller has Done all in his Power to have the Roads made which are well made for the time said Township has been Settled and as to his opressing the people or us we would inform your Excellency that Never was the Case—but that he the said Batcheller used his utmost Indevor to help the People to our Certian Knowledge and has Repetedly Releved us when in Destress and Deffulty, and has been as Kind to us seemingly as a Brother—Likewise we would Inform your Excellency that the Town Settles Very Fast, for a New place, and that the people and Said Batcheller Goes on Heart and hand, Except a few that we Judge are Led astray by m<sup>r</sup> James Blanchard as he has Tryed his best to Git us to Signe against said Batcheller—and has Ketched those people to sign against Said Batcheller in favor of the Blanchards as they Seem to Thretin his Rewing but not only his but we fear this will stop people Coming into the town to Settle as the Famely of the Blanchards seem to be so wormly Ingaged against him—we hope your Excellency will Excuse us for writing the above as we are Bound in Duty to your Excellency to Tell the Truth in favor of m<sup>r</sup> Batcheller, tho, we Dont Speak one half what we Could Say in his Favor—& Beg Leave to Submit the above to y<sup>r</sup> Excellencys wise Consideration & Beg Leave to Subscribe our Selfs y<sup>r</sup> Excellencys most Humb Serv<sup>ts</sup>

John proute

Michol woodcock

To his Excellency John Wentworth Esq<sup>r</sup> Portsmouth New Hampshire



[*Depositions of Amos Skinner and John Wellman, Jr., 1773.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 7, p. 16.]

To his Exelency John Wentworth Esq<sup>r</sup> &<sup>c</sup>

This may let your Exelency know that I the Subscribor Amos Skinner have ben Sumthing knowing to a Peticion signed by Sundry of the settelers of Monadnock N. 6. to your Exelency against Mr Breed Batcheller and I heard James Blanchard Say that he had now got that fixt that would tare him mening Said Batcheller all to raggs and that he would forfit all he had in the world if he did not do it for he was then a going to the Lord Propriators with Sum of the Inhabitents and had sent a Complaint before as I understood on that afair and that he beleived he should parsafy the Lord Propriators and Set the Governor to Sue the Bond that was against said Batcheller—what is above written is true to my knowledge and Remembrance

Amos Skinner

Mansfield october the 28<sup>th</sup> 1773

Bristol ss Mansfield october the 28<sup>th</sup> 1773 Then Amos Skinner made oath to the truth of what is above written which is by him Subscribed Sworn Before me—

Eph<sup>m</sup> Leonard Justice of Peace

To His Exelency John Wintworth Esq<sup>r</sup> Governor &<sup>c</sup>

This may let your Exelency know that I am Sumthing knowing to a Peticion Signed by Sundry of the Settellers of Monadnock N. 6. to your Exelency against Mr Breed Batcheller and I heard James Blanchard Say that he had got that fixt against him that would tare him all to pecis but if Said Batcheller would give up the vandue Land that he had sold that he would Send to porchmouth and git that Peticion back again that was sent against Said Batcheller as I understood by his tolk—what is above written is true to my knowledge and Rememberance

John wellman junor

Mansfield october the 28<sup>th</sup> 1773

Bristol ss Mansfield october the 28<sup>th</sup> 1773 Then John Wellman Junor made oath to the truth of what is above written which by him Subscribed—Sworn Before me

Eph<sup>m</sup> Leonard Justice of Peace

[*Testimony of Abijah Brown, 1773.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 7, p. 17.]

Abijah Brown of Monadnock N-6 at the Request of M<sup>r</sup> James Blanchard in Behalf of the porpriators of Masons Right was asked the Following Questions

Q did you Ever work on M<sup>r</sup> Breed Batchellors farme for which you was discharged of any of your Taxes and how much

2<sup>ly</sup> whether you Ever heard any threatning or Complaining to the Governor or the proprietors from the Setlors against m<sup>r</sup> Breed Batchellor for not doing the Dutis on that part Called the North East Quarter

A he worked on m<sup>r</sup> Breed Batchellors farme to the am<sup>t</sup> of one pound four Shillings L: M: of his Taxes, which was the proportion the propriators owed him (as he Said)—as to peopel Complaining against M<sup>r</sup> Batchellor Not doing his Deuty on the North East Quar he Could not Tell much abought that

Cheshire ss

Monadnock N<sup>o</sup> 6 Nov<sup>r</sup> 12<sup>th</sup> 1773

After Due Caution & Carefull Examination the foregoing Interrogatories was Impartially taken upon the Spot, at the Request of m<sup>r</sup> James Blanchard

Before Sam Blodget Jus: peace

[*Testimony of Beriah Whitmore, 1773.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 7, p. 19.]

Beriah Whitmore of Monadnock N<sup>o</sup> 6—at the Request of m<sup>r</sup> James Blanchard in behalf of the proprietors of Masons Right was asked the Following Questions

Q did you ever here M<sup>r</sup> Breed Batchellor Say any thing to any Person for signing a Complaint to the Governour or heard him tell them that he would Summon them to portsmouth and that they signed a Complaint Contrary to Law and they would Suffer for it unless they would Recant and sign a paper to the Governour that they was misled

A that he heard M<sup>r</sup> Breed Batchellor say he beleaved the Governour would Send for them and If he did not he would petition him to send for them But If they would Recant he would not be Instromental of hurting them



Cheshire ss

Monadnock N<sup>o</sup> 6 Nov<sup>r</sup> 12<sup>th</sup> 1773

After Due Caution & Carefull Examination the foregoing Interrogatories was Impartially taken upon the Spot, and at the Request of Mr James Blanchard

Before Sam Blodget Jus : peace

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[ *Willard's Report of Condition of Settlements*, 1773.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 7, p. 18.]

Original Grantees Names	By whome owned y <sup>e</sup> Number of acres Cleared & worked on Houses Built & Familys on
Jn <sup>o</sup> Kendals Right	David Marshall.. H.. B. F.. O. 1 acre Cleared 8 acres cut over James Blanchard owner 8 acres cleared 30 acres of understuff cut, Camp Built. N. F. O—
Jos <sup>h</sup> Danforths Right	Jos <sup>h</sup> Eyars there at work C.. B. 7 acres Cut Down 3 acres understuff Cut N.. F.. O.
Tho <sup>s</sup> M <sup>c</sup> Laughlins Right	Jos <sup>h</sup> Eayrs H.. B.. 8 acres Cleared N.. F.. O. a Man at Work Eleazer Twitchel H.. B.. 25 acres Cleared F.. O— Jos <sup>h</sup> Stanford H.. B.. 7 acres Cleared F.. O..
Alexander Parkes Right	John Adams 20 acres Cleared H.. B.. res- ident.
Josiah Parkes Right	Aaron Beels 20 acres Cleared H.. B.. F.. O
Rob <sup>t</sup> Parks Right	Jos <sup>h</sup> Mason H. B. 12 acres Cleared F.. O Jn <sup>o</sup> Fairwell H. B. 4 acres Cleared F.. O Jn <sup>o</sup> Newhalls H B. 3 acres Cleared F.. O.. Jn <sup>o</sup> Spring H.. Building 2 acres Cleared F.. O Phillip Billhash H.. B.. 8 acres Cleared F.. O one Camp Built 15 acres Choped over & one Grist Mill Built
The above five Settlers are	Purchasers under Rob <sup>t</sup> Boyce Esq <sup>r</sup>
Jn <sup>o</sup> Hutchinsons Right	Josiah Stanford H.. B. 7 acres Cleard F.. O..

Benj <sup>a</sup> Frenchs Right	James Bancroft H.. B.. 20 acres Cleared F.. O
Jn <sup>o</sup> Chamberlains Right	Sam <sup>ll</sup> Averet H.. B.. 7 acres Cleared F.. O.. on y <sup>e</sup> Same Right 3 acres Cleared 13 acres Choped over N.. H.. B.. N.. F.. O Beriah Whitmore H.. B.. 12 acres Cleared 6 acres Cut over F.. O——
James Millers Right	Amos Skinner C.. B.. 7 acres Cleared 2 acres choped over N.. F.. O

The above Rights are all in y<sup>e</sup> Southeast Quarter of Monadnock N<sup>o</sup> 6

N : B : H.. B.. for house Built.. F.. O for family on C.. B. for Camp Built N. H. B. for no house built N. F. O. for no Family on——

Original Grantees Names	By whome owned y <sup>e</sup> N <sup>o</sup> of acres Cleard & worked on Houses Built & Familys on
James Minotts Right	Jon <sup>a</sup> Nickols Lot N <sup>o</sup> 1 in y <sup>e</sup> 3 <sup>d</sup> range 7 acres Cleared 7 acres Cut over, H.. B.. F. O
Eleazer Fairwells Right	H.. B.. 12 Cleared 22 acres Cut over N.. F.. O a Family has Resided there 3 years owned by Breed Batchellor Benj Day Lots N <sup>o</sup> 2 in the 6 & N <sup>o</sup> 1 in y <sup>e</sup> 7 <sup>th</sup> range H.. B.. on lot N <sup>o</sup> 2 in y <sup>e</sup> 6 <sup>th</sup> range 5 acres Cleared & 20 acres Cut over on y <sup>e</sup> Lot N <sup>o</sup> 1 in y <sup>e</sup> 7 <sup>th</sup> range 2 acres Cleared 8 acres Cut over W <sup>m</sup> Follet lives in y <sup>e</sup> house on y <sup>e</sup> Lot N <sup>o</sup> 2 in y <sup>e</sup> 6 <sup>th</sup> range Breed Batchellor owns Lot N <sup>o</sup> 1 in y <sup>e</sup> Sixth range N.. H.. B. 2 acres Cleared 20 acres cut over——
One Lot is Thought To be in y <sup>e</sup> Right of James Minot but not Certain—	W <sup>m</sup> Follet H.. Building on lot N <sup>o</sup> 2 in y <sup>e</sup> 7 <sup>th</sup> range 12 acres Cleard 8 acres Cut over. Tho <sup>s</sup> Upham H.. B.. resident 6 acres Cleared 12 acres Cut over Lot N <sup>o</sup> 2 In the 8 <sup>th</sup> range
Tho <sup>s</sup> Blanchards Right—	Abijah Brown Lot N <sup>o</sup> 2 in y <sup>e</sup> 9 <sup>th</sup> range H & Barn.. B.. F.. O.. 25 acres Cleard 10 acres Cut over.. Elihu Higby Lot N <sup>o</sup> 2 in y <sup>e</sup> 10 <sup>th</sup> range 8 acres worked over 4 acres Cleared. John Frink 2 acres Cleared 7 acres worked over——



Jn<sup>o</sup> Searles's Right—

Jos<sup>h</sup> Stanhope Lot N<sup>o</sup> 3 in y<sup>e</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> range  
H.. B.. F.. O 20 acres Cleared 16 acres  
Worked over.. Elias Squire Lot N<sup>o</sup> 3 in  
y<sup>e</sup> 6<sup>th</sup> range 2 acres Cleared 4 acres Cut  
Down N.. H.. B.. N.. F. O.. Stephen  
Treat on the same Lot 3 acres Cut Down  
N.. H.. B.. N.. F. O

Eph<sup>m</sup> Adams's Right

Jn<sup>o</sup> Eastabrooks Lot N<sup>o</sup> 3 in y<sup>e</sup> 10<sup>th</sup> range  
5 acres Cleard 8 acres Cut Down N.. H..  
B. N.. F.. O. Nath<sup>l</sup> Breed Owns Lots N<sup>o</sup>  
3 4 & 5 in the 9<sup>th</sup> range and N<sup>o</sup> 4 in y<sup>e</sup> 10  
range one of s<sup>d</sup> Lots is in the right of  
Sam<sup>l</sup> Searles Viz. Lot N<sup>o</sup> 5 in y<sup>e</sup> 9<sup>th</sup> range  
H. B. F.. O 45 acres Cleared 15 acres.  
Cut over, Benj<sup>a</sup> Nurse Lot N<sup>o</sup> 3, in y<sup>e</sup>  
12<sup>th</sup> range 2 acres Cleared H.. B.. 10 acres  
worked over N.. F.. O—

W<sup>m</sup> Calso's Right

Wellmans H.. B 7 acres Cleared 2 acres  
Cut over N.. F.. O Jn<sup>o</sup> Stroud H.. B.. F..  
O.. 7 acres Cleared 8 acres Choped over  
Abraham Griffith H.. B.. Resident 12  
acres Cleard 6 acres Cut over, Ethimar  
Smith C. B. 3 acres Cut over 1 acre  
Cleared N. F. o

Sam<sup>l</sup> Searles

Belongs to Breed Batchellor H & Mill.  
B.. 2 acres Cleared 5 acres Cut over Meet-  
ing house Built 5 acres partly Cleared C  
B. 1 acre Cleared 15 acres under Stuff cut  
Down Breed Batchellor

Sam<sup>l</sup> Fersons Right

Breed Batchellors H. & Barn. B. F. On,  
100 acres Cleared 60 acres sawed into  
Pasturing 7 acres Worked over Henry  
Beemus H.. B.. 3 acres Cleard 2 acre  
worked over N.. F.. O. James Phillips

James Quentons Right

H.. B.. 8 acres Cleard 1 acre worked over  
Resident.. Jn<sup>o</sup> Libarvau H.. B. F.. O 12  
acres Cleared 5 acrs worked over John

James Fersons Right

Davis 1½ acre Cleard 2½ worked over  
Resident Joseph Simons 8 acres Cleared—

N B. the Persons on the Last three Rights (viz) Sam<sup>l</sup> Farson.  
James Quenton & James Farson are in the South West Quarter

What is Contained on the Sheet is an account of the Settlers Residents Houses & Camps Built Lands Cleared & worked over Excepting Some small Peices not worth Mentioning Being in the Town of Monadnock N<sup>o</sup> 6. Taken at y<sup>e</sup> request of Geo. Jeffry Esq<sup>r</sup> Clerk To Masons Propriety which I have made according to the best of my Judgment and y<sup>e</sup> Information of those on y<sup>e</sup> Lands. Some I have omitted going over where there was nobody at work I Tooke the Judgement of those who were acquainted with what was done with respect to that those that I Could Depend on giving them to understand that I Came at the request of the Lords Proprietors and I Expected that they would not Impose upon me or their Honors by giving me a wrong account.. Impartially Taken the 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> Days of November 1773——

attest Josiah Willard

Cheshire ss

Keen Nov<sup>r</sup> 13<sup>th</sup> 1773

Josiah Willard Personally appeared and After Due Caution and Carefull Examination Made Solemn Oath that the foregoing Representation of the Setlers & Settlements in Monadnock N<sup>o</sup> 6 by him Subscribed; was Impartial; and according to the Best of his Judgment

Before Sam Blodget Jus : peace

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[*Testimony of Josiah Willard, 1773.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 7, p. 20.]

Josiah Willard of Keen at the Request of Mr James Blanchard in behalf of the Proprietors of Masons Right was asked the Following Questions

Q did you heare any of the Settlers of N<sup>o</sup> 6 make any Complaints against Mr Breed Batchellor when you was Viewing thire Settlements and what there Complaints were

A som said they looked on it that they were hardly Delt with for want of Roads as they could not go any where with a Cart and Mr Bachellor or the Survayors would not let them work out thire Taxes on the Roads; and Som said they Could not git to there houses with a horse

Q did you here any of the Setlers say they had Requested Mr Batchellor to work out thire Taxes on the Road

A they said they had Requested it but was Refused the Liberty

Q did you hear James Blanchard ask them the Reason why they



Signed a Recantation to the Governour that theire Complaints they Sent were Wrong

A yes and they Repleyd M<sup>r</sup> Batchellor Told them they had signed a paper Contrary to Law and he would Summon them to Portsmouth and Saying it would undo them but If they would Sign a Recantation he would not hurt them and they ware poor and Just begining and was not Acquainted with it and that was the Reason why they signed the Recantation

Cheshire ss

Keen Nov<sup>r</sup> 14<sup>th</sup> 1773

Josiah Willard Personally appeared and after Due Caution & Carefull Examination Made Solem Oath that the foregoing Interrogatories was Just and True

Before Sam Blodget Jus: peace

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[*Petition of Breed Batchellor, 1773.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 7, p. 21.]

May it Please your Excellency.

The many and great favours I have already Reciev'd from your Excellency, and your Excellencys Known desire to have All men Rewarded according to their demerits, And your Excellencys wonted disposition to Investigate the Truth in All matters & more Especially in those that Concerns your Excellency, Emboldens me at this Time to trouble your Excellency with this letter Respecting Number Six. for it Appears to me the Blanchards are Endeavouring by Every Sinister method they Can Invent to destroy my Property and Reputation, for it now Appears that M<sup>r</sup> Jaffrey at the Request of Mes<sup>rs</sup> Blanchard<sup>s</sup>, (which I Knew nothing of when I was at Portsmouth last,) had wrote to Major Willard of Keene, the Blanchards near Kinsman and an Inverate Enemy of mine to make a survey of What had been Actually done in N<sup>o</sup> 6. I wou'd not be understood by your Excellency, to impeats M<sup>r</sup> Jaffrey of any unfair dealing for I dont suppose that M<sup>r</sup> Jaffrey Knew any thing of the Affinity before mention'd or Major Willards unfriendlyness to me. In Consequence of which letter Major Willard with M<sup>r</sup> James Blanchard and M<sup>r</sup> Justice Blodgett to take Depositions Repaired to Number Six while I was with your Excellency at Portsmouth & made such a survey & Report as they thot proper a Copy of Which I have Inclosed to your Excellency & Beg leave to suggest to your Excell<sup>y</sup> that this Account was taken Exparte & by Maj Willard Riding thro the Town only as

I am inform'd. They have also taken sundry depositions to prove my unfair dealings with the People that Signd the Recantation with Regard to the Remonstrance that was some time since preferd to your Excell<sup>y</sup> and also some Depositions to prove that y<sup>e</sup> Taxes granted by the Proprietors were workd out on my farm, with Respect to my unfair dealing with the People I Can procure sundry depositions to prove the Contrary from Men of Reputable Characters and I imagine from the People themselves who signd the Recantation tho' I have not seen any of them Since my Return. And I Can likewise procure Depositions from Reputable Men to prove that James Blanchard offerd them large sums of money to pay me what they Respectively owed me so as to Induce them not to sign a Petition in my favour.—and also, I Can procure sundry depositions to prove that when Maj Willard & M<sup>r</sup> Blanchard were upon the afores<sup>d</sup> Survey Sundry Persons Came to Number Six to purchase Lands of me and in my Absence they Discouraged them telling them that I had no Right to the Lands & that they wou'd all Revert to the Proprietors which Induced them to leave the Town & purchase Elswhere — And with Regard to the Proprietors money being Expended on my Farm, I beg leave to make this Answer the Witnesses that have deposed in this Particular are Abijah Brown and Nathaniel Breed who have not deposed all they Know but only part, because M<sup>r</sup> Blanchard Refused to have any thing wrote Except what wou'd make for him. the Witnesses aforesaid Refused to depose for a long time unless all they had to say with Regard to the Affair Coud be wrote, but the Justice told them that unless they would depose as they Requested he woud make Report of their Conduct to your Excellency & Rather than be Complained of to your Excellency as Obstinate & bad Inhabitants as they Supposed they should be Represented they were Induced to depose only what they did which will Appear by their Depositions the said Brown & Breed stand ready to make Oath to the Truth of what is above written and also that the Occasion of their working on my land was because they were unable to pay their taxes in money and that out of Pity to them I sufferd them to pay their Taxes in Labour, for if y<sup>e</sup> Taxes had been paid in money, it was to have Come to me to have paid me for my Service in laying out the Town —

I now pray your Excellency to Entertain of me the Same favourable Opinion that your Excell<sup>y</sup> Seem'd to manifest when I was at Portsmouth last til I Can have Opportunity to Appear before your Excellency to Exculpate myself of those charges that will probably be laid before Your Excellency. and in the Mean time I will Endeavour to procure two or more disinterested Persons Men of Rep-



utation within the County & Well Known to Your Excell<sup>y</sup> to Repair to Number Six take a survey thereof Enquire Concerning the Premisses in Every Particular & Report to your Excell<sup>y</sup> as they shall think Right or do anything Else that your Excellency shall direct.—

S<sup>r</sup> I am with the greatest Respect

Your Excellency most

Devoted Hum<sup>le</sup> Servant.

Breed Batcheller

N<sup>o</sup> 6. Nov<sup>r</sup> 18. 1773.

To his Excell<sup>y</sup> Governor Wentworth

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[*Deposition of Abijah Brown, 1773.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 7, p. 28.]

To the Proprietors of Mason patent—These are to Certify That on the twelveth day of november Last Samuel Bloget and m<sup>r</sup> James Blanchard Came to the town of Monaednock N<sup>o</sup> Six and Said they were Sent by the Gouverneur and the Lords Proprietors to Give my oath with others relating to what I Knew Conserving Monadnock N<sup>o</sup> 6, and Ensign Breed Batcheler. But as Esq<sup>r</sup> Bloget was a Strainger to me and m<sup>r</sup> Blanchard no friend to the town Ship I was not free to Make oath as they produced no authorithy from the Lords Proprietors, but I freely told them what I Knew—But m<sup>r</sup> Bloget Said he would make Return to the Gouverneur that I Despised authority and Said that I was Likly to bee Imprisoned or pay a Large fine or Both, I told him I was Ready at his Excellency request to go to Portsmouth and Make oath to what I Knew Relating the affair—But when I inquired of m<sup>r</sup> Bloget of his orders that he owned that he Came on m<sup>r</sup> Blanchard Desire, But m<sup>r</sup> Blanchard Said that the Lords proprietors Sent him, on with m<sup>r</sup> Blanchard Set Down and wrote two question the Purport as follows first whether I Ever worked out my Tax or Ever Knew of any others that Did work out their Tax on m<sup>r</sup> Batcheller Land, and weather I Ever heard any person Say that they whare uneasy with m<sup>r</sup> Batcheller for not filling up the town, or Mention any thing of Petioning to the Lords Proprietors before m<sup>r</sup> James Blanchard got the people to Sign a petition of Complent against the propritors of Said N<sup>o</sup> 6, and Ensign Batcheller on wich the Said Bloget adminestread to me an ooth to the above Questions to the first

I ansured four Dolars was Due to me from m<sup>r</sup> Batcheller for work, which was of Set towards the Taxes that was Due to him for Laying out the town Ship as to the Second Question I ansured according to the Best of my Remembrance I had heard of Sums mentioning of Complaining but by them that Did not intend it as I immagin and I have no Reason to think that any was unesay about it till mowed by m<sup>r</sup> Blanchard—M<sup>r</sup> Bloget Said the ansewers where Reather yea then nay and So Set them Down yes under the Questions and I Desired Esq<sup>r</sup> Bloget to Set the ansewers Down under the Questions as I Gave them he Said he had Minuted them and Should Draw them when he had time

The Same day maj<sup>r</sup> willard of Keen Came into the town Ship of Monadnock N<sup>o</sup> 6, and he Said that he was requested by the Lords Proprietors to take accounts of the Settlements and the people that were in the town witch Surweay he took Cheafly as he pased by in the Road through the town, and he Refused to go ower the forms of Seaverall of the Inhabitants when Desired to my Certain Nolege, and as to those that where at Distance from the Road he Inquired of me and others and Set them Down as he thought fit Sum of them much under what I Judge them to be—also Several persons and houses and Sundry pieces of Land wich there is no mention made to George Juffrey Esq<sup>r</sup> in his Return and Several of the persons have been in the town for Seaverall years that is not to be found in maj<sup>r</sup> willard Return

further more I was with m<sup>r</sup> Batcheller when Sundry of those that had Signed the petition against the proprietors of Monadnock N<sup>o</sup> 6, and m<sup>r</sup> Batcheller when they Signed a Recentation of what they had before Signed to his Excellency and I never heard m<sup>r</sup> Batcheller threaten them in the Least but Said that he did not want them to Sign unless they where Convinced that they had Don wrong in Signg Said petition

Abijah Browne

Cheshire ss monadnock (No 6) Decembr y<sup>e</sup> 2<sup>th</sup> 1773

Abijah Brown Personaly appeared and after Due Caution made Solemn oath that the within & above by him Signed was the whole truth So far as had Cum to his Remembrance

before Tho<sup>s</sup> Frink Just Peace

[A duplicate of this on page 22 of the manuscript volume is addressed to the Governor. Ed.]



[*Statement of Joseph Stanhope and Beriah Wetmore, 1773.*]

[*Masonian Papers, Vol. 7, p. 29.*]

May it Please the Proprietors of Masons Grant this is to Let You Know that when Sundry Persons Signd the Recantation to the Complaint that they had Signed to the Governor against the Proprietors of Monadnock N<sup>o</sup> 6 & M<sup>r</sup> Breed Batchellor we Did Not hear M<sup>r</sup> Batchellor threaten them in the Least but on the Contrary he told them that he Would Not have them Sign Back Except they were Convinced that what they had Signed to in the Petition was falce he would have them stand to it & Not sign the Recantation by any Means

Joseph Stanhope  
Beriah Wetmore

Cheshire ss Monadnock (No 6) Decemb<sup>r</sup> y<sup>e</sup> 2<sup>th</sup> 1773

Joseph Stanhope & Beriah Whetmore Personaly appeared & after Due Caution made Sollemn oath that the above by them Signed was the truth & the whole Truth

before me Tho<sup>s</sup> Frink Just Peace

[A duplicate of this on page 23 of the manuscript volume is addressed to the Governor. Ed.]

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[*Statement of Aaron Beal and William Follet, 1773.*]

[*Masonian Papers, Vol. 7, p. 24.*]

To the Proprietors of Masons Grant

this is to Let You Know that whereas it is Reported that M<sup>r</sup> Breed Batchellor Scared Us to Sign the Recantation to the Governor in Regard to the Complaint we Signed against Monadnock N<sup>o</sup> 6 and M<sup>r</sup> Breed Batcheller that the Said Batchellor Said he would Not have us Sign the Recantation to the Governor if we ware Not Convinced that the Petition we had signed was Rong

Aaron Beel  
William Follet

Cheshire ss monadnock (No 6) Decemb<sup>r</sup> y<sup>e</sup> 2<sup>th</sup> 1773

Aaron Beel & William Follet Personaly appear<sup>d</sup> & after Due Caution made Solemn oath that the above by them Signed was the whole truth So far as had Cum to their Remembrance

Before Tho<sup>s</sup> Frink Just Peace

[A duplicate of this on page 23 of the manuscript volume is addressed to the Governor. Ed.]

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[*Deposition of Nathaniel Breed, 1773.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 7, p. 25.]

To the Proprietors of Masons Grant So Called &c Gentelmen—  
 on or about the Twelvth Day of Novemb<sup>r</sup> 1773 Samuel Blodget Esq<sup>r</sup>  
 & m<sup>r</sup> James Blanchard Came to my house and said they waire Sent  
 by y<sup>e</sup> governor & Proprietors of masons grant to take my oath with  
 others Relative to what I Knew Conserving the affairs of monadnock  
 (No 6) & the proceedings of Ensign Breed Batchelors in S<sup>d</sup> town of  
 (No 6) Justice Blodget being a Stranger to me & m<sup>r</sup> Blanchard no  
 frind to y<sup>e</sup> township I was not free to make oath as they Prodused no  
 authority from his Exelency or the Proprietors afore mentioned, but  
 I freely told them what I Knew. but m<sup>r</sup> Blodget Said he would make  
 a Return to the governor that I Dispised authorrity and Say<sup>s</sup> that I  
 was Likely to be Impprisoned or Pay a Large fine or both I told him  
 I was Ready on his Exelency<sup>s</sup> Request to appear at Poartsmouth and  
 make oath to all I Knew Conserving the affairs of (No 6) & when I  
 Interrogated m<sup>r</sup> Blodget about his orders & what they waire that he  
 had from the Governor he owned he Came onley on m<sup>r</sup> Blanchards  
 Desier: m<sup>r</sup> Blanchard Immediate Said that the Governor Sent him;  
 on which Blanchard Set Down & wrote two questions the Purport as  
 followeth Viz 1<sup>st</sup> Did you Ever work oute your taxes or Know any  
 body Elce working oute theire taxes on m<sup>r</sup> Batchelors Land 2<sup>ly</sup> Did  
 you Ever heare any Person Say they waire unezey with m<sup>r</sup> Batchelors  
 for not filling up the township with Setlors or theire making any  
 Complaint to y<sup>e</sup> Proprietors of masons Pattent against S<sup>d</sup> Batchelor  
 before m<sup>r</sup> James Blanchard had got the Peapol to Sign a Complaint  
 against the Proceedings of m<sup>r</sup> Batchelor & the Inhabitants of S<sup>d</sup>  
 township on which Justice Blodget administered to me an oath to  
 answer to y<sup>e</sup> above questions to the first I answered I never worked  
 out my highway tax on m<sup>r</sup> Batchelors Land but oneley what was Due  
 to m<sup>r</sup> Batchelor for Laying oute the township as to y<sup>e</sup> Second question  
 I answerd I Could not be Certain but had Some thoughts that About  
 a year ago I heard a woman Complain for want of Neighbours and  
 Asked if a Complaint was Sent against m<sup>r</sup> Batchelor it would not  
 Conduce thereto: Justice Blodget Say<sup>s</sup> y<sup>e</sup> answers are yeather yea  
 than nay & So Set it Down yea under y<sup>e</sup> questions: I Desiered Jus-  
 tice Blodget to Set Down my answers as I gave then but he Refused



& neglected to Do it—on the above S<sup>d</sup> Day major willard came to my house & Said he was Sent by y<sup>e</sup> Proprietors of masons grant to take accompt of the Settlemts in (No 6) & asked how much I had Cleared or Chopt over Desiered him to go & View my farmn he Refused & said he would not go over for my whole farmn he Insisted on my telling I then told he Set Down Ten acres Less than I told him or Supposed I had Likewise he asked me whether I had any Knowledge of Sundry other farms in the town for he Said he Could not go to all the Places off from the Roads & Insisted on my telling him how much their was on Six or Eight Lott I told him I Did not Know about Several of y<sup>e</sup> Places he further Insisted on my Saying when I told him Possibli So much he Set it Down withoute any further accompt or Viewing & I think he Set Down Several Places in the town much under what they had Cleared and according to the Coppy of Maj<sup>r</sup> Willard Survey Return<sup>d</sup> to S<sup>d</sup> Proprietors of masons grant which I have Seen he Left oute Several Places that have ben work on & Likewise Sundry Settlers that are on & have ben on Several years & Likewise one I told him of that he Did not Return & Sundry Dwelling housen—

Nath<sup>l</sup> Breed

Cheshire ss Monadnock (No 6) Decembr<sup>r</sup> y<sup>e</sup> 2<sup>th</sup> 1773

Natha<sup>el</sup> Breed Personaly appeared & after Due Caution made Sollemn oath that the above by him Signed was the whole truth So far as had Cum to his Remembrance

Tho<sup>s</sup> Frink Just Peace

[A duplicate of this on page 32 of the manuscript volume is addressed to the Governor. Ed.]

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[*Statement of Beriah Wetmore, 1773.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 7, p. 27.]

To the Proprietors of Masons Grant—

this is to Let You Know that I heard M<sup>r</sup> Batcheller Say to the Signers of the Petition or Complaint against M<sup>r</sup> Batcheller that the Governor would send for them it was Likely & if Not he would Petition to his Excellency to do it and No Doubt he would Do it but according to the best of My Remembrance he Said it after they had Signed it Except M<sup>r</sup> adams—

Likewise about the 12<sup>th</sup> of Nov<sup>r</sup> Last Esq<sup>r</sup> Blodgit & M<sup>r</sup> James Blanchard Came to No Six and Demanded Me to answer On Oath to what Questions m<sup>r</sup> James Blanchard had writ Down & Esq<sup>r</sup> Blodgit said it Was to favour Us that the Governor Did Not send for Us to Portsmouth the Question M<sup>r</sup> Blanchard Rote was whether I heard M<sup>r</sup> Batchellor threaten the People that signed the Complaint against M<sup>r</sup> Batchellor if they would Not Recant the Complaint against him to which I answered I Did Not hear him threaten them on which Esq<sup>r</sup> Blodgit Said the Oath was Rather Yea then Nay & Set it Down Yea Under the Question

Beriah Wetmore

Cheshire ss monadnock (No 6) Decemb<sup>r</sup> y<sup>e</sup> 2<sup>th</sup> 1773

Beriah Whetmore Personaly appeared and after Due Caution made Solemn oath that the above by him Signed was the whole truth so far as had Cum to his Remembrance

before Tho<sup>s</sup> Frink Just Peace

[A duplicate of this on page 26 of the manuscript volume is addressed to the Governor. Ed.]

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[*Statement of John Stroud to Masonian Proprietors, 1773.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 7, p. 27.]

To the Proprietors of Masons grant &c

Gentelmen —

this is to Inform you that m<sup>r</sup> James Blanchard was in the Township of (N<sup>o</sup> 6) Asked me to Sign a Petion to S<sup>d</sup> Proprietors which was Send to the Proprietor of masons Grant against the Town of (no 6) & Ensine Breed Batchelor and offerd me money to y<sup>e</sup> amount of upwards of Twenty Pounds Lawfull money if would not Sign in favour of S<sup>d</sup> Batchelor & also he told me that Batchelor Land would all be taken away from him & given to them that Signed the Petition in his favour against Batchelor

John Stroud

Cheshire ss monadnock (No 6) Decemb<sup>r</sup> y<sup>e</sup> 2<sup>th</sup> 1773 —

John Stroude Personaly appeared and after Due Caution made Solemn oath that the above by him Signed was the whole Truth So far as had Cum to his Remembrance

before Tho<sup>s</sup> Frink Just Peace



[*Statement of John Stroud to Governor, 1773.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 7, p. 29.]

To His Excellency John Wentworth Esq<sup>r</sup>

May it Please y<sup>r</sup> Excelency —

This is to inform your Excellency M<sup>r</sup> James Blanchard was in the Township of N<sup>o</sup> 6 & Asked me to Sign a petition to y<sup>e</sup> Excellency which was Sent to y<sup>r</sup> Excellency against the town of (N<sup>o</sup> 6) & Ensign Breed Batchelor but I Declined Signing for him & that the S<sup>d</sup> Blanchard Said he would not have me Sign a Petition to y<sup>r</sup> Excellency in favour of Batchelor & offer<sup>d</sup> to Let me have money to the amount of upwards of Twenty pounds Lawfull money if I would not Sign S<sup>d</sup> Batchelors Petition to y<sup>r</sup> Excellency in his favour & allso he told me that Batchelor<sup>s</sup> Land would all be taken away & given to them that Signed the Petition to your Excellency against S<sup>d</sup> Batchelor in his favour

John Stroud

Cheshire ss monadnock (N<sup>o</sup> 6) Decemb<sup>r</sup> y<sup>e</sup> 2<sup>th</sup> 1773

John Stroud Personaly appeard and after Due Caution made Solemn oath the above by him Signed was the whole truth So far as had Cum to his Remembrance

before Tho<sup>s</sup> Frink Just Peace

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[*James Blanchard to George Jaffrey, 1773.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 7, p. 30.]

Dunstable 6<sup>th</sup> Dec<sup>r</sup> 1773

Worthy Sir

I have Been to Monad<sup>k</sup> N<sup>o</sup> 6 and have Completed the Business Requested & the Proprietors and Shall bring the Papers to Portsmouth when the General Court Sits, the Gentlemen Who Went With me will be at Portsmouth then, & Will be Better Able to Give the Prop<sup>rs</sup> a Better Account than Can be given Any other Way M<sup>r</sup> Batchellor is Creating Materials to Exculpate himself by Deceiving and Imposing on the Governor & the Proprietors; that Shou<sup>d</sup> you give Credit to his Depositions which are mad & Extorted you will Afterwards find you have been Deceived; there is Twenty Six Rights Now Delinquent; and the plan M<sup>r</sup> Batchellor Returned & the Lines Described to be run; are not Done, (as I am Informed from

the Settlers) Only on M<sup>r</sup> Batchellers own Land and the Lines Round the Township); (Tis True) he has not Run the Lines of my Rights as Described on the plan Notwithstanding he has Appropriated a Considerable Sum for the Survey — I have Inclosed a Copy of One Deposition As a Specimen of his Conduct the other Depositions Were Sealed up and Directed to your Honour by the Justice before I had an Opportunity to Take a Copy—if it Shou'd be Convenient I Shall be Glad if you woud Com'unicate the Inclosed to the Proprietors

I am Sir Most Dutifully and most Respectfully Y<sup>r</sup> Oblidged Humble Serv —

James Blanchard

To the Hon<sup>ble</sup> George Jaffrey Esq

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[*Deposition of James Bancroft.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 7, p. 31.]

I James Bancroft of Monadnock N<sup>o</sup> Six Do Testify and Say that I have been Well Knowing to its being the General Complaint from the Settlers in s<sup>d</sup> N<sup>o</sup> 6 against M<sup>r</sup> Breed Batchelor for Carying the major vote & voting the m<sup>o</sup> for his own Services & the Road not made & they said they wou'd be Glad to Complain to the Gov<sup>r</sup> for Relief if they Could (for this two Years past) & I Requested of M<sup>r</sup> Batcheller (who Protended to be the Surveyor) to work out my Taxes on the Roads and m<sup>r</sup> Batcheller said (I Sware none of Blanchards men Shall have the liberty but they shall pay the M<sup>o</sup> & I will Make the Roads my Self) & I paid my Taxes ₤ James Blanchard) and Sometime in Octo<sup>r</sup> Last M<sup>r</sup> Batcheller Came to me and said I had Signed a Paper Contrary to Law and the Proprietors had a Good Right to Send for any one y<sup>t</sup> had signed & Take them Singularly & make them pay the Cost & it wou'd Cost them a Great Deal; & if the People woud Recant & Sign he woud Give them a Barrel of rum & I was well Knowing to its being Generally said that the Settlers Were Threatened by m<sup>r</sup> Batchellor and that was the Reason they Signed the Recantation & I have been Will Knowing to all the Work Done on the Road & I am very Certain that it has not Cost £12.. 0.. L<sup>n</sup> M<sup>o</sup> at a Reasonable Rate for Laying out and Clearing all the Roads in the South East Quarter and I heard (W<sup>m</sup> Follet Say) M<sup>r</sup> Batchellor Requested him to Make Oath that the Day he Signed the Recantation he m<sup>r</sup> Batchellor Did not Threatten him but that M<sup>r</sup> Batchellor had before said that Unless he



Did Sign he woud Sue him & Tare him in Pieces & he was Oblidged to Sign it and all the Persons that I Know (or Ever heard) that Live in the North East Quarter Called Batcheller Quarter are Nath<sup>l</sup> Breed Abijah Brown Joseph Stanhope John Stroud W<sup>m</sup> Follet Jos: Nichols Abram Griffin & Tho<sup>s</sup> Upham and Several others I have been Knowing to & have heard have began Got Discouraged and are Gone off

Farth<sup>r</sup> Saith Not

James Bancroft

A True Copy —

Sworn before

Rob<sup>t</sup> Fletcher J. Peace

[A duplicate of this on page 33 of the manuscript volume has the following additions:]

Province of New Hamp<sup>r</sup> } Dunstable Decem<sup>r</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> 1773  
 County of Hillsbor<sup>o</sup> } Then the Subscriber To the foregoing  
 Deposition James Bancroft Personally Appearing Made Solomn  
 Oath to the Truth of the above & within Deposition before me

Rob<sup>t</sup> Fletcher J<sup>s</sup> P<sup>s</sup>

N B the Persons Above Mentioned who Live or Mr Batchellors Quarter ar Six families & two Single men who Work there at Times —

Mr Batchellor Himself Lives at the South West Corner of the Town Adjoining to Keene

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[*Breed Batchellor to Theodore Atkinson, 1773.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 7, p. 34.]

may it pleas your Honour & the Gentlemen of masons Grant. the Last time I had the Pleasure of Being in your Company was not Long Sense. which was when I was making my Defence against m<sup>r</sup> Blanchard In Regard of the Complaint against the Proprietors of monadnock N<sup>o</sup> 6, and my Self—for not fullfilling the Conditions of Settlement as was Repersented by m<sup>r</sup> Blanchard.—and Knowing that your Desire is to have all men Rewarded according to there Demerit and your Honours wonted Disposition to Investigate the truth in all matters and more Especially in those that Conserns your Honour and the Gentlemen of masons Proprietors—Emboldens me at this time to Trouble your Honour and the Proprietors afore said with this Letter Respecting monadnock N<sup>o</sup> 6, for it appears to me the Blanchards are Endeaving by Every sinister methord they Can Invent to Destroy

my Property and Reputation for it appears now that m<sup>r</sup> Jaffrey at the Request of mes<sup>rs</sup> Blanchards which I knew nothing of to be Certain when I was at Portsmouth had wrote to maj<sup>r</sup> willard of Keene the Blanchards Near Kinsman and an Inverate Enemy of mine to make a survey of what had been actually Done in N<sup>o</sup> 6. I would not be understood by your Honour and the Gentlemen of masons Patent to Impeach m<sup>r</sup> Jaffrey of any unfair Dealings for I Dont Suppose that m<sup>r</sup> Jaffrey Knew any thing of the affinity before mentioned or maj<sup>r</sup> willards unfriendliness to me —

In Consequence of which Letter maj<sup>r</sup> willard with m<sup>r</sup> James Blanchard and m<sup>r</sup> Justice Blodget to Take Depositions Repared to N<sup>o</sup> 6 while I was at Portsmouth and made such a Survey and Report as they Thought Proper. which Depositions taken by m<sup>r</sup> Justice Blodget and maj<sup>r</sup> willards Return of the Settlements of Said N<sup>o</sup> 6, I Sopose you have Received before now. which S<sup>rs</sup> I think was Very ungenerous in taking it in my absence in the form they Proceeded—I have here Inclosed Sundry Depositions to Shew the Proseedings of m<sup>r</sup> Justice Blodget maj<sup>r</sup> willard & m<sup>r</sup> Blanchard on the affair above mentioned. I therefore Humbly pray that your Honour and the Gentlemen afores<sup>d</sup> would take the Depositions on the affair into your wise Consideration—and When you have Vewed them with maj<sup>r</sup> willards Return I Doubt not but your Honour & Gentlemen will think with me that there Proseedings are Errigular—and that the Survey of No. 6, is not taken as it ought to have been taken, and the Depositions Shews m<sup>r</sup> Blanchards Spite and malice on the affair—and Likewise m<sup>r</sup> Justice Blodgets New Fashioned way of Takeing Depositions I therefore now pray your Honour & the Gentlemen afore said, that the affairs of s<sup>d</sup> Number Six may be put of till the Spring of the year, as it is to Late for a Committee Properly to take a Survey of N<sup>o</sup> 6, this wenter and then I will Endeavor to Procure two or more Desinterested Persons men of Reputation Viz, maj<sup>r</sup> Benja<sup>a</sup> Bellows of walpole and Leiu<sup>t</sup> Benja<sup>a</sup> Hoit Representtitive for Keene, or any other that you Shall Judge Proper to Repare to N<sup>o</sup> 6, take a Survey thereof Inquireing Conserving the Premises in Every Particular, and Report to your Honour and the Gentlemen aforesaid as they Shall think Right, or Do any thing Else that your Honour Shall Direct.

m<sup>r</sup> Blanchard has Reported that he will Return the Right of Sampson French Delinquent and Git a Grant to him Self of S<sup>d</sup> Right—I would Beg the Favor of your Honour and the Gentleme afore Said that there may not be any Grant made of it to him—for the Greater part of S<sup>d</sup> Right is my Property by Deed—

I therefore Humbly pray that your Honour would be So Kind as to Lay this Letter with the Depositions before the Gentlemen Proprietors, at your Next meeting—



which Kindness I Shall Esteem as a Great Favor  
 S<sup>r</sup> I am with the Greatest your Honours most Devoted Humb.  
 Serv<sup>t</sup>

Breed Batcheller

monadnock N<sup>o</sup> 6, Dec<sup>r</sup> 11<sup>th</sup> 1773—

To the Honourable Theodore Atkinson Esq<sup>r</sup>

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[*Statement of Thomas Upham to Governor, 1773.*]

[*Masonian Papers, Vol. 7, p. 35.*]

may it Pleas your Excellency.

this is to Certifie to your Excellency that I was Present with Ensign Breed Batcheller, when Sundry of those Persons Signed the Recantation to your Excellency. In Regard of the Complaint against the Proprietors of monadnock N<sup>o</sup> 6, & Said Batcheller, & the said Batcheller Shewed them wherein they had Signed to Fallhoods against the Settlements of s<sup>d</sup> N<sup>o</sup> 6, & him Self—and Said that he would not have them Sign the Recantation to your Excellency, that unless they were Convinced, that the Complaint to your Excellency against S<sup>d</sup> N<sup>o</sup> 6 & s<sup>d</sup> Batcheller was Rong and Fallse

Thomas upham

Cheshire ss Keene y<sup>e</sup> 13<sup>th</sup> of Decembr<sup>r</sup> 1773

Thomas Upham Personaly appeared and after Due Caution made Solemn oath that the above by him Signed was the whole truth so far as had Cum to his Remembrance

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[*Statement of Thomas Upham to Masonian Proprietors, 1773.*]

[*Masonian Papers, Vol. 7, p. 35.*]

To the Proprietors of masons Grant.—

Gentlemen This is to Certifie that whereas it is Reported by m<sup>r</sup> James Blanchard as I heard that Ensign Breed Batcheller Scart those Persons that Signed the Recantation to his Excellency In Regard of the Complaint against the Proprietors of Monadnock N<sup>o</sup> 6, & said Batcheller and the s<sup>d</sup> Batcheller Shewed them wherein they had Signed to Fallshoods against the s<sup>d</sup> N<sup>o</sup> 6 & him Self & said that he would not have them Sign the Recantation to his Excellency, that unless they ware Convinced that the Complaint against s<sup>d</sup> N<sup>o</sup> 6, & s<sup>d</sup> Batcheller was Ronge & False

Thomas upham

Cheshire ss Keene y<sup>e</sup> 13<sup>th</sup> of Decembr 1773—

Thomas Upham Personaly appeard and after Due Caution made Solemn oath that the above by him Signed was the whole truth So far as had Cum to his Remembrance  
before Tho<sup>s</sup> Frink Just Peace

[ *Condition of Settlements, 1774.* ]

[ *Masonian Papers, Vol. 7, p. 36.* ]

A Survey of the South East Quarter of Monadnock No. 6

Names of the original Grantees	Settlers Names	Acres Clear <sup>d</sup>	Acres work <sup>d</sup> over	
Jon <sup>n</sup> Kendals . . .	David Marshall	2	8	Pole House & Family
Right . . . . .	James Blanchard	9	30	Camp
Jos. Danfords Right .		0	8	Camp
Tho <sup>s</sup> McLawlin <sup>s</sup> . . .	Phin <sup>s</sup> Stanford	5	—	Family
Right . . . . .		8	5	Board House
	Eleaz <sup>r</sup> Twichel	20	7	Pole House & Family
	Jos. Stanford	7	3	Pole House & Family
Alexand <sup>r</sup> Park <sup>s</sup> Right	John Adams	15	10	Board House & Residant.
Josiah Park <sup>s</sup> Right .	Aaron Beels	12	15	Pole House & Family
	Philip Bilhash	9	6	Pole House & Family
Rob <sup>t</sup> Park <sup>s</sup> Right .	Jo <sup>s</sup> Mason	12	10	Board House & Family
				Gristmill
	Jn <sup>o</sup> Farwell	6	3	Board House & Family
	Jn <sup>o</sup> Newell	4	2	Pole House & Family
	Jn <sup>o</sup> Spiny	2	0	Board House & Family
		0	13	Camp—
John Hutchinsons .	Jos <sup>h</sup> Stanford	7	1	Pole House & Family.
Right . . . . .		0	6	
Benj <sup>n</sup> French <sup>s</sup> Right .	James Bancroft	20	14	Board House & Family
John Chamberlanes .		3	15	
Right . . . . .	Sam <sup>l</sup> Averett	6	1	Pole House & Family
	Beriah Whitmore	12	6	Pole House & Family
James Miller . . .		7	2	Camp



A Survey of the South west Quarter of Monadnock N<sup>o</sup> 6.

Names of the Original Grantees	Settlers Names	Acres Cleard	Acres work <sup>d</sup> over	
James Quentons . .	Henry Bemus	3	2	Pole House
Right . . . .	John Davis	2	2	
	Joseph Simons	6	0	
Sam <sup>l</sup> Farsons . .	Jon <sup>n</sup> Libervau	13	5	Pole House & Family
Right . . . .	James Philips	7	1	Pole House & Family
	Breed Bachellor	55	30	Board House & Family

The North west Quarter of Monadnock No. 6 is not yet laid out—neither is there any Settlement.

The Survey of the different Parts of Monadnock No. 6, was made on the 11<sup>th</sup> 12<sup>th</sup> 13<sup>th</sup> 14<sup>th</sup> 15<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> Days of Jonuery 1774 by Me  
Ephraim Heald

A Survey of the North East Quarter of Monadnock N<sup>o</sup> 6.

Mens Names	Lots	Ranges	Acres cleard	Acres work <sup>d</sup> over	
Jn <sup>o</sup> Nichols . . . . .	1	3	7	7	Pole House & Family
W <sup>m</sup> Follet . . . . .	2	7	12	7	Pole House & Family
Lot	1	6	0	20	
Lots	{ 1	4 }	12	20	Double Pole House
	{ 1	5 }			
Lot	2	6	5	12	Board House
Lot	1	7	2	4	
Tho <sup>s</sup> Upham . . . . .	1	8	6	12	Pole House & Resident
Abijah Brown . . . . .	2	9	20	10	Board House & Family
Lot	2	10	4	10	
Jos <sup>h</sup> Stanhope . . . . .	3	8	18	15	Pole House & Family
Nathan <sup>l</sup> Breed . . . . .	4	10	30	10	} Double Pole House & Family & a Resident
Nath <sup>l</sup> Breed Minor aged 20	4	9	10	4	
Jonas Breed Minor aged 16	5	9	3	0	Resident
Lot	3	9	0	2	
Welmons Lot . . . . .	5	8	7	2	Pole House & Resident
Abraham Griffin . . . . .	4	5	11	5	Pole House
John Stroud . . . . .	4	7	7	7	Pole House & Family
Lot	4	6	1	3	Pole House
Lot	5	12	8	3	Pole House Sawmill & Meeting House
Lot	5	11	1	10	Camp.

Pursuant to the Request of the Proprietors of the Lands purchased of John Tufton Mason Esq in the Province of New Hampshire to Preambulate and View the Tract of Land or Township known by the name of Manadnock Number Six & to survey and View what Land was clear'd & Cultivated & Settlements made and what buildings were on said Tract and the Number of Settlers on said Tract, I have Perambulated and Viewed said Tract and do report that all the Land Cleared and Cultivated and Settlements made and the buildings on said Tract, are describd on this sheet of paper and on what part of the said Tract of Land and on whose Rights or Lotts they are made and what Settlers are thereon according to best observation I could make and do make return thereof accordingly Portsmouth Jan<sup>y</sup> 21<sup>st</sup> 1774—

Ephraim Heald

Province of New Hampshire } Portsm<sup>o</sup> Jan<sup>y</sup> 21<sup>st</sup> 1774 Then per-  
 Rockingham—ss— } sonally appeared before me the  
 above named Ephraim Heald and made Solem oath to the truth of  
 the above written Return by him made and Subscribed—

James Stoodly Jus pac

[*Petition of Breed Batchellor, 1774.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 7, p. 37.]

To the Gentlemen Proprietors of masons Grant or the Grantors of the Township of monadnock N<sup>o</sup> 6.—

The Petition of Breed Batcheller for & in Behalf of the Proprietors of Said N<sup>o</sup> 6—

1 Humbly Pray the Gentlemen Grantors afore Said that the Grantees of Said monadnock N<sup>o</sup> 6 may have one year to Compleat the Settling Duties in with my Giving a Bond to Preform the Settling Duties in one year

2<sup>ndly</sup> if the above Request is not Consented to he the S<sup>d</sup> Batcheller Humbly Pray that there may be a New Committee appointed to Take a New Survey of S<sup>d</sup> N<sup>o</sup> 6 Next Spring if Done at the S<sup>d</sup> Batchellers Expencc as there is Sundry Settlements Left out and not Returnd Gentlemen all of which is most Humbly Submitted to your wise Determination—not Doubting but that you will Consider my Case & grant me my Request—

I am Gentlemen with the Greatest Respects

your most Humble Serv<sup>t</sup>

Portsmouth Feb<sup>r</sup> 16<sup>th</sup> 1774

Breed Batcheller



[*Time for Settlement Extended, 1774.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 7, p. 38.]

Whereas M<sup>r</sup> Breed Bachellor Agent for the Proprietors of town of Monadnock N<sup>o</sup> six hath given his note bearing even date with these Presents for the sum of One hundred Pounds Lawful Mony Payable to George Jaffery Esq<sup>r</sup> for the use of the Masonian Proprietors in Consideration that said Masonian Proprietors allow two Years from this date to Compleat the Settlement of said town agreeable to the Charter granted by said Masonian Proprietors, We the Subscribers ingage in behalf of said Proprietors that said Charter shall be Lngthen'd out two Years from this date otherwise the Contents of s<sup>d</sup> note shall not be demanded

Portsm<sup>o</sup> y<sup>e</sup> 18<sup>th</sup> Feb<sup>y</sup> 1774  
a Copy—

D. Rogers	}	Committee
John Penhallow		
W <sup>m</sup> Whipple		

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[*Charter Renewed, 1774.*]

[Masonian Proprietors' Records, Feb. 23, 1774.]

Province of } Portsmouth February 23<sup>d</sup> 1774 Wednesday three  
New Hampsh<sup>r</sup> } of the Clock afternoon The Proprietors meet according to adjournment—

Whereas Breed Bacheller as Agent for the Grantees of a tract of land called Manadnock Number Six, hath given a note of hand promising to pay to George Jaffrey Esq<sup>r</sup> for the use of the Masonian Proprietors, the Sum of one hundred pounds lawfull money, in one year from the 18<sup>th</sup> day of February 1774 with lawfull Interest till paid—which Sum was intended as a Consideration for Damage the Grantors of Said Tract of land Sustained, by the Grantees aforesaid, not complying with and performing the Terms and Conditions of the Grant of Said Tract of land—upon the Prayer and Request of the Said Bacheller, as agent for Said Grantees—and other Considerations, it is resolved—and therefore Voted that the Grantees of the Tract of land Monadnock Number Six aforesaid, and Such as hold under them—are allowed, and hereby is granted to them the Space of two years from the 18<sup>th</sup> day of February aforesaid, to do and perform all matters and things conditioned to be done in the Said Grant of Manadnock Number Six—and at the Expiration of y<sup>e</sup> two years hereby granted for the compleating and performing all the Terms conditioned to be

performed in Said Manadnock Number Six, in Said Grant mentioned—if any Neglect or Omission of the performance or complying with any Article or Term of said Grant—then the forfeiture and reversion mentioned in Said Grant, to be in full force and Effect, as tho this Vote had not passed—

[*Reserved Lots in Nelson, 1774.*]

[Masonian Proprietors' Records, Feb. 23, 1774.]

Whereas the twenty Shares reserved by y<sup>e</sup> Grantors, in their Grant of the Tract of land called Manadnock number Six, for their use, and for publick uses—are not Severed to each Proprietors share, but three Shares are marked for the publick use of Said Town, and delineated on the Plan of said Monadnock Number Six in Ranges & Lotts—Voted that the two Lotts laid out for each Proprietor or Grantor's Right or share be now drawn for at this meeting, and that the two Lotts drawn to each Proprietors Right, be entered and recorded as drawn, and that the same Lotts as entered to each Proprietors Right or share, shall be the severance and determination of the Respective right or share of each Proprietor, of the Reservation in said Manadnock Number Six and that three Shares for publick uses for the Town be not drawn for, but entered in this Record, as they were Severed and noted in the Plan of the Said twenty reserved shares—

The Draft of the Proprietors Lotts of their Reservation in the Tract of Land called Manadnock Number Six, and entry of the Lotts reserved for publick Uses in Said Town

				Lots Range		Lots Range	
drawn	1 <sup>st</sup>	To the Right of	John Rindge	N <sup>o</sup> 1	in	4	N <sup>o</sup> 3 in 11
2 <sup>d</sup>	.	.	Law Lot N <sup>o</sup> 1	4	in	4	N <sup>o</sup> 4 in 6
3	.	.	Blanchard Meserve & <sup>c</sup>	2	—	4	N <sup>o</sup> 2 — 5
4	.	.	George Jaffrey Esq <sup>r</sup>	5	—	4	N <sup>o</sup> 5 — 5
5	.	.	Jotham Odiorne Esq <sup>r</sup>	1	—	5	N <sup>o</sup> 1 — 6
6	.	.	John Moffatt Esq <sup>r</sup>	3	—	10	N <sup>o</sup> 5 — 9
7	.	.	Thomas Walingford Esq <sup>r</sup>	2	—	6	N <sup>o</sup> 4 — 8
8	.	.	Law Lot N <sup>o</sup> 2	4	—	9	N <sup>o</sup> 2 — 11
9	.	.	Richard Wibird Esq <sup>r</sup>	4	—	7	N <sup>o</sup> 3 — 9
10	.	.	Solley and March	3	—	8	N <sup>o</sup> 2 — 10
11	.	.	Thomlinson & Mason	1	—	10	N <sup>o</sup> 1 — 11
12	.	.	Joshua Peirce Esq <sup>r</sup>	2	—	8	N <sup>o</sup> 4 — 11
13	.	.	Peirce and Moore	3	—	4	N <sup>o</sup> 4 — 4



14	.	.	.	Theodore Atkinson Esq <sup>r</sup>	1	—	9	N <sup>o</sup> 2	—	9
15	.	.	.	Mark H <sup>g</sup> Wentworth Esq <sup>r</sup>	5	—	6	N <sup>o</sup> 5	—	7
16	.	.	.	Thomas Packer Esq <sup>r</sup>	1	—	7	N <sup>o</sup> 2	—	7
17	.	.	.	John Wentworth Esq <sup>r</sup>	3	—	6	N <sup>o</sup> 3	—	7
				first Ministers Lotts	5	—	10	N <sup>o</sup> 5	—	11
				Ministerial Lotts	1	—	8	N <sup>o</sup> 5	—	8
				School Lotts	3	—	5	N <sup>o</sup> 4	—	10

[Plan of Reserved Lotts.]

E 10° 5 4 mile									
99 5	9 5	9 5	99 5	use of Ministry	99 5 J.M.	Minister first	Minister first	99 5	99 5
99 4	9 4	99 4	99 4 RW		99 4	School		99 4	
9 3	School 3	9 3	99 3		9 3 RW	9 3 J.M.		9 3	
99 2	9 2	9 2	9 2		9 2	9 2		9 2	
99 1	99 1	9 1	99 1	Ministry	use 99 1	99 1		9 1	
4 Rows 5th 6 7 8 9 10 11 Street wide									

The above is a plan of the Lord Prop<sup>rs</sup> Land Lying in monadnock No Six which are Cuppled as follows Viz<sup>t</sup>

	Lots N <sup>o</sup>	Range	Lots N <sup>o</sup>	Range
first Settled minister	5	10	5	11
For the use of the ministry	1	8	5	8
School Lots	3	5	4	10
The Grantors Lots	1	4	3	11
	1	5	1	6
	2	4	2	5
	3	4	4	4
G J—	5	4	5	5
	5	6	5	7
	4	5	4	6
	2	6	4	8
Said Lots are Cuppled according to the	1	7	2	7
Best of my Skill & Judgement	4	9	2	11
<sup>Dr</sup> Breed Batcheller	4	7	3	9
	3	6	3	7
	1	9	2	9
	1	10	1	11
	3	8	2	10
	2	8	4	11
	3	10	5	9

[*Improvements in Northeast Quarter.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 7, p. 39.]

North East Quarter	Acres Clear'd	Chop'd Over	
Jon <sup>a</sup> Nichols—	7 —	7 —	House—Family
Breed Batcheller	12 —	22 —	House a family has Lived 3 Years
Benj <sup>a</sup> Day—	5 —	20 —	House—Talks of Coming
	2.	8 —	
Breed Batcheller	2	2 —	
W <sup>m</sup> Follet—	12 —	8 —	House Building Family
Tho <sup>s</sup> Upham	6 —	12 —	House—Resident
Abijah Brown	28 —	10 —	House—Family
Elihu Higby	4 —	8 —	
Jn <sup>o</sup> Frink—	2 —	7 —	



Jos: Stanhope	20	—	16	—	House—Family—
Elias Squire—	2	—	4	—	
Stephen Treat—			3	—	
John Easterbrook	5	—	8	—	Talks of Coming
Nath <sup>l</sup> Breed	45	—	15		House—Family—
Benj <sup>a</sup> Nurse—	2	—	10	—	House—
—— Welman	7	—	2	—	House—Talks of Coming
Jn <sup>o</sup> Stroud—	7	—	8	—	House—Family—
Abraham Griffin	12	—	6	—	House—Resedint
Ithmer Smith.	1	—	3		Camp—
Breed Batchelle	2	—	5	—	House mill—
D <sup>o</sup> —	1	—	15.		Camp Built—

[*Improvements in Southeast Quarter.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 7, p. 40.]

South East Quarter	Acres Clear'd	Chop'd Over	
David Marshall—	1.	8.	House—Family
James Blanchard—	8 —	30 —	Camp
Joseph Eayrs—	—	10 —	Camp—at Work
Joseph Eayrs (Alies) } Jn <sup>o</sup> Lund—	— 8 —		House—at Work
Eleazer Twitchel—	25 —		House—Family—
Joseph Stanford—	7 —		House—Family—
John Adams—	20 —		House—Resident
Aaron Beels—	20 —		House—Family—
Jo <sup>s</sup> Mason—	12 —		House—Family
Jn <sup>o</sup> Farwell—	4 —		House—Family
Jn <sup>o</sup> Newhall—	3 —		House—Family
Jn <sup>o</sup> Spiny—	2 —		House Building—Family
Philip Billhash.	8 —		House—Family—
—————	—	15	Camp—One Grist Mill
Jos <sup>h</sup> Stanford—	7 —		House—Family
Ja <sup>s</sup> Bancroft—	20 —		House—Family
Sam <sup>l</sup> Averet—	7 —		House—Family—
—————	3	13 —	
Beriah Whitmore	12 —	6	House—Family
Amos Skinner—	7	2	Camp—

## NEW BOSTON.

[Granted by Massachusetts Jan. 14, 1735-6, to John Simpson and others. The grant was confirmed by the Masonian Proprietors Feb. 2, 1748-9. Sometimes called *Lane's-town* and *Boston Piscataquog Township*. Regranted Dec. 24, 1751, to Job Lewis and others. Incorporated as New Boston Feb. 18, 1763, and named from Boston, Mass. A small tract of land was severed and annexed to Goffstown June 18, 1836.]

See Massachusetts and New Hampshire charters in preceding volumes; IX, Bouton Town Papers, 553; XII, Hammond Town Papers, 642; Index to Laws, 395; History, by Elliott C. Cogswell, 1864, pp. 470; sketch, by Neil McLane, Hurd's History of Hillsborough County, 1885, p. 585; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, p. 229; Articles of Faith and Covenant of First Presbyterian Church, with history of church and catalogue of members, 1869, pp. 32; Baptist Churches in N. H., by E. E. Cummings, 1836, pp. 14, 19.]

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[*Petition of Thomas Thomas, 1748.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 7, p. 42.]

Portsm<sup>o</sup> Nov<sup>r</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> 1748

To y<sup>e</sup> Gent<sup>m</sup> Purchasers & Proprietors of John Tufton Mason Esqu<sup>r</sup> his Right in Lands in New Hampshire—

I y<sup>e</sup> Subscriber pray your favour that when you are pleased to grant that tract of land scituated between New Boston so called & a Township called N<sup>o</sup> 7—You would Suffer me to have two Shares to Settle upon y<sup>e</sup> Terms that said tract shall be granted upon, and shall be ready to lay Under Obligation to perform y<sup>e</sup> Terms of your grant, having before y<sup>e</sup> the Indian War built a house and made Considerable Improvements there your Consideration of my Petition and your favour therein will very much Oblige

Your most Hum: serv<sup>t</sup>

Tomas thomas

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[*Original Proprietors' Names, 1748.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 7, p. 43.]

1735 { List of the Names of the Proprietors of the Township  
 { Granted by y<sup>e</sup> Generall Court of y<sup>e</sup> Province of the Massach<sup>ts</sup>  
 { Lying on y<sup>e</sup> branches of Piscataquaog River viz<sup>t</sup>



Andrew Lane 3 Shares  
 Byfield Lyde Esq<sup>r</sup>  
 John Hill Esq<sup>r</sup>  
 John Spooner  
 John Read Esq<sup>r</sup>  
 Samuel Tyley  
 John Boydell  
 John Homans  
 Jon<sup>a</sup> Williams 2 shares  
 Joshua Henshaw Esq<sup>r</sup>  
 Benj<sup>a</sup> Clark  
 Jacob Hurd  
 James Townsend  
 W<sup>m</sup> Salter 2 Shares  
 Zachariah Johonnott  
 Daniel Loring  
 William Speakman  
 Thomas Greene 2 Shares  
 Gilbert Warner  
 John Larrabee  
 John Green  
 Rufus Greene  
 Tho<sup>s</sup> Foster  
 John Arbuthnott  
 Jn<sup>o</sup> & Jon<sup>a</sup> Simpson  
 Humphrey Keys

James Goold  
 Joseph Greene  
 Isaac Walker  
 Robert Jenkins 2 Shares  
 Benj<sup>a</sup> Bagnald  
 Richard Checkley  
 John Maverick  
 Tho<sup>s</sup> Hancock  
 John Carnes  
 James Halsey  
 John Steel Esq<sup>r</sup>  
 Charles Coffin  
 Daniel Pecker 2 Shares  
 Jon<sup>a</sup> Clark  
 Henry Howell  
 Job Lewis Esq<sup>r</sup>  
 Tho<sup>s</sup> Bulfinch  
 John Indicott  
 John Erving Esq<sup>r</sup>  
 James Day  
 W<sup>m</sup> Dudley Esq<sup>r</sup>  
 Edward Durant  
 W<sup>m</sup> Bant  
 Robert Auchmooty Esq<sup>r</sup>  
 Joseph Wright 2 Shares  
 John Tyler

Att a Meeting of y<sup>e</sup> Above Proprietors John Hill Esq<sup>r</sup> be Desired  
 when he Comes to Portsmouth to Lay before y<sup>e</sup> Claimers of Masons  
 Right y<sup>e</sup> Above list of s<sup>d</sup> Proprietors y<sup>e</sup> Charges they have been at in  
 Laying out s<sup>d</sup> Township building a Meeting house Saw mill & Sixty  
 Dwelling houses also Bridges over y<sup>e</sup> Two Great Rivers of Nashaway  
 & Piscataquaog & Clearing Roads & making Cawsays to y<sup>e</sup> Amount  
 of Four thousand Five hundred pounds old Tennor in y<sup>t</sup> Day and as  
 we are now Inform'd said Township Comes within y<sup>e</sup> Aforesaid Claim  
 Desire their Favour that we may Go on with the Settlement under s<sup>d</sup>  
 Claim Which we shall Do with all Speed & Chearfulness Nottwith-  
 standing y<sup>e</sup> Many Dissapointments & Losses we have Sustain'd by  
 Reasons of the Warr in which most if nott all y<sup>e</sup> Houses are burnt  
 Down

by order of y<sup>e</sup> Proprietors

Boston Jan<sup>y</sup> 20<sup>th</sup> 1748

W<sup>m</sup> Salter Proprietors Clerk

Prov<sup>e</sup> of New {  
Hampsh<sup>r</sup>        { Portsm<sup>o</sup> Jan<sup>y</sup> 26 1748

Col<sup>o</sup> John Hill of Boston Esqu<sup>r</sup> presenting y<sup>e</sup> within Request of y<sup>e</sup> Petitioners within mentiond It is Considered by y<sup>e</sup> Proprietors that they will grant the within mentioned Tract of land to be laid out into eighty equal Shares Sixty whereof to be for y<sup>e</sup> Petitioners and three of said shares to be Reserved for public Uses and the other Seventeen shares to be for y<sup>e</sup> Use of y<sup>e</sup> Grantors agreeable to such Conditions Limitations & Restrictions as lands by Said Proprietors have been granted upon to Thomas Parker & others and y<sup>e</sup> Clerk to write to y<sup>e</sup> Said Petitioners to inform them hereof—

Gentlemen

at a Meeting of the Proprietors of the Lands purchased of John Tufton Mason Esqu<sup>r</sup> lying in the Province of New Hampshire on y<sup>e</sup> 25<sup>th</sup> of last Jan<sup>y</sup> Coll<sup>o</sup> John Hill Esqu<sup>r</sup> of Boston preferred a list of the names of the Proprietors of the Township granted by the general Court of the Province of the massachusetts lying on the Branches of Piscataquaog River (which Township he informed us is called New Boston, with a Declaration of a Considerable Expence they have been at in Consequence of s<sup>d</sup> grant for the Settlement of Said Tract, and which they are inform'd lay's within our claim, & that you desire to proceed in the Settlement of Said Township under our Claim in mason's Right The Proprietors taking into Consideration your Request & the motion of Coll<sup>o</sup> Hill in that Behalfe Resolv'd—That they will grant the Said Tract of land to be laid out into Eighty equall shares

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[*Proposals of Masonian Proprietors, 1748.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 7, p. 44.]

Gentlemen

At a Meeting of the Proprietors of the Lands purchased of John Tufton Mason Esqu<sup>r</sup> lying in the Province of New Hampshire on the 25<sup>th</sup> of January last; Coll<sup>o</sup> John Hill Esqu<sup>r</sup> of Boston preferred a List of the Names of the Proprietors of the Township, granted by the general Court of the Province of the Massachusetts, lying on the Branches of Piscataquaog River; (which Township he inform'd us is Called New Boston) with a Declaration of a considerable Expence they have been at in Consequence of said Grant, for the Settlement of Said Tract; which you are inform'd lay's within our Claim under mason and that you desire to proceed in the Settlement of said Township under our Claim aforesaid



The Proprietors taking into Consideration your Request and the Motion of Coll<sup>o</sup> Hill in that behalfe Resolv'd that they will grant Said tract of land to be laid out into eighty equal Shares or Divisions ; Sixty of which to be granted to the Petitioners their heirs and Assigns for ever—and twenty Shares to be reserved for the Proprietors the Grantors for their Disposal, and for the Use of the Town—the said Grant to be made agreeable to Such Conditions Restrictions and Limitations, as lands by said Proprietors have been granted upon, to Thomas Parker & others.—

(viz<sup>t</sup>) That the whole Township be laid out & divided into eighty equal Shares, each Share into three Lots and numbred with the Same number on each of said Lots, which Lots to be drawn for at the same time

The Numbers to begin with one and end with Eighty—

That one of the said twenty Shares reserved to be for the Use of the first Gospel minister, who Shall be Settled on the Said Tract for ever &<sup>c</sup>—

That one other of Said Twenty Reserved Shares be for the Support of the Ministry there for ever—

And one other of said twenty Shares reserved to be for the Support of a School there for ever—

The other Seventeen Shares of Said twenty reserved to be for the Use of the Proprietors the Grantors their heirs and Assigns for ever—and to be at no Expence of Settlement till improved by the Owners or Some Person holding under them Respectively

That the Owners of the Said Sixty Shares shall carry on and make the Settlement at their own Expence—

All the Lots to be laid out by the last day of May next, ready to be drawn for, the Lots to be laid out in Ranges where the land will admitt of it, and land be left for high ways of four Rods wide between the Ranges & for cross ways between the lots of two Rods wide—

That the first Lots for the first Minister & for the Ministry be laid out near where the Meeting house is to be built & not drawn for as the other Lots—

That within one year from the Said last day of may each owner of the Said Sixty Shares have a house of Sixteen feet Square with a Chimney & Cellar, upon one of the lots belonging to his Share and Some person living in Said house and Four Acres of land enclosed cleared and fitted for mowing or Tillage, and within one year after that to have four Acres more enclosed cleared & fitted for mowing or Tillage & at the end of three years from the last day of May next to have four Acres more enclosed & fitted for mowing or Tillage—

That the Settlers at their own Expence build a Meeting house by the last day of may in the year 1751. fit for publick Worship—

That Six Acres of land be left & laid out in a Suitable place to build a meeting house upon, a Burying Yard, a school & other publick Uses—

That each owner of the Said Sixty Shares shall at or before the drawing for their Lots Advance and pay the Sum of thirty pounds old Tenor (including what they have already advanced towards carrying on Said Settlement) to be deposited in the hands of Such persons as the said Owners shall chuse to receive the Same to defrey the Charge of Surveying and laying out the land into lots building a meeting house maintaining the publick Worship the first Six months, from the End of three years after drawing for Said Lots, clearing high ways making necessary Bridges, & making and Returning a Compleat Plan of the said Survey & laying out of the lots to the Grantors—

That all white Pine trees fit for his Majesty's Use for Masting the Royal Navy be Reserved for that purpose for ever—

That the Owners of the Said Sixty Shares shall have the Use of all meadows within any of the lots of the twenty Reserved Shares for the term of five Years commencing at the time of drawing said Lots—

That no Obstruction or Incumbrance be made or built whereby the Passage of the Fish may be any ways hindered or Impeded

A grant of a Privilege for a Saw Mill for the Benefit of y<sup>e</sup> Settlers is also made upon Condition of the Mill being fit to go by the last day of August next, and Sawing Lumber for the Inhabitants of y<sup>e</sup> Town to the halves for the Term of Six Years from that time when & so often as they shall have Occasion—

And in Case any of the owners of the said sixty shares shall refuse neglect or Omit to perform & fully discharge any y<sup>e</sup> Conditions Articles Matters & Things by him Respectively to be done he shall forfeit his Right or share in said Town—

And in Case of an Indian War within any of the Terms & Limitations of time above mentioned for performing the Said Articles and things aforesaid to be done & performed by Said Settlers—then the Same times to be allowed for the Respective Matters aforesaid after Such Impediment Shall be removed—and it is to be understood that y<sup>e</sup> said Lots shall be drawn at Portsm<sup>o</sup> in y<sup>e</sup> Province of New Hampshire

and Sundry Reservations for Grants of particular Improvem<sup>ts</sup>

The above are the general Terms & Limitations of the grant of lands made by the Proprietors for a Township to Thomas Parker and



others which by their Direction is communicated to you by Gent<sup>m</sup>  
your Humble Serv<sup>t</sup>

Portsm<sup>o</sup> Feb<sup>y</sup> 2<sup>d</sup> 1748

Geo : Jaffrey Prop<sup>rs</sup> Clerk

To the Proprietors of a Township called New Boston

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[*Masonian Proprietors' Propositions Rejected, 1748.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 7, p. 41.]

Boston March 20<sup>th</sup> 1748

S<sup>r</sup> I Rec<sup>d</sup> Yours of Feb<sup>y</sup> 2<sup>th</sup> last with proposalls from y<sup>e</sup> Proprietors of Lands purchasd of John Tufton Mason Esq<sup>r</sup> desired by them to be laid before y<sup>e</sup> Proprietors of y<sup>e</sup> Township Commonly Called New Boston of which I had sent you by John Hill Esq<sup>r</sup> their Names, s<sup>d</sup> Township being Granted to them by y<sup>e</sup> Generall Court of y<sup>e</sup> Province of the Massachusetts bay, & now in Answer thereto I Inform you y<sup>t</sup> by order of their Committee I warned y<sup>e</sup> Proprietors thereof to Assemble & Accordingly on the ninth day of march Instant they did Assemble when & where I Layd before them s<sup>d</sup> Proposals which being Read Sundry times to them and after the Same being fully Debated, A Vote being putt Whether they will Accept y<sup>e</sup> Same Agreeable to said Claimers Proposals

It Passed in the Negative

The Above is what I am Directed by y<sup>e</sup> Proprietors to Inform you of

I am S<sup>r</sup> Your most Humble Servant

W<sup>m</sup> Salter Proprietors Clerk

To M<sup>r</sup> George Jaffrey Jun<sup>r</sup>

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[*Petition of Thomas Smith, 1749.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 7, p. 45.]

To the Hon<sup>ble</sup> The Proprietors & Purchasers of Lands of John Tufton Mason Esq<sup>r</sup> in New Hampshire

The Memorial of Thomas Smith of Chester in y<sup>e</sup> Province of New Hampshire Humbly shews——

Whereas I have purchased a Right in New Boston so called of Jacob Hurd Gold-Smith of Boston in y<sup>e</sup> Prov: of y<sup>e</sup> Mass<sup>a</sup> Bay and have Settled or improved Land in Said New Boston for Seven years past and have a built a house there and am about to Remove myself

& Family into Said Land, and have four Sons—young men fit for improving Lands—

I therefore humbly Petition that your Hon<sup>ble</sup> Propriety would grant me and my four Sons aforesaid five Rights or shares in said New Boston and your Petitioner shall every Pray &c &c

Portsm<sup>o</sup> Oct<sup>r</sup> 26<sup>th</sup> 1749

Thomas Smith

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[*Charter of New Boston, 1751.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 7, p. 46.]

Province of } Pursuant to the Power and Authority Granted and  
New Hamp<sup>r</sup> } Vested in me by the Prop<sup>rs</sup> of Lands Purchased of  
John Tuffton Mason Esq<sup>r</sup> in the Province of New Hampshire by  
Their Vote passed at their Meeting Held at Portsmouth in said Province the Tenth Day of June 1751:

I do by these Presents on the Terms and Conditions hereafter Expressed give & Grant all the Right, Title, Property, and Possession of the Prop<sup>rs</sup> aforesaid, unto Job Lewis, Henry Howell, John Steel, Thomas Bullfinch, Robert Jenkins, John Spooner, Benjamin Bagnall, Samuel Tyley's Heirs, James Townsend's Heirs, Isaac Walker, Joseph Wright, Elear Boyd, Daniel Pecker, William Dudley's Heirs, Robert Boyes, Thomas Smith, Thomas Cockran Patrick Doughlass, John Homans, James Day, James Caldwell, Gilbert Warner, Richard Checkley's Heirs, James Wilson, Jonathan Clark, William Speakman's Heirs, Benjamin's Clark's Heirs, John Ervin, William White, John Hill Esq<sup>r</sup>, John Taylor, John M<sup>c</sup>Callester Edward Durant's Heirs, William Bant, John Maverick, Rufus Green, James Halsey, Daniel Loring's Heirs, Joseph Green, James Hunter, Thomas Wilson, of in & to that Tract of Land or Township called New Boston in the Province of New Hampshire Aforesaid of the Contents of Six Miles broad, and Seven Miles long, Bounded thus. Beginning at a Beach Tree, the Southeast Corner, and from thence North by the Needle Two Degrees Westward Six Miles, or untill it comes unto the Northeast Corner, formerly made under the Massachussetts Grant, for the Northeast Corner of said Tract, And from thence West by the Needle Two Degrees to y<sup>e</sup> Southward, And from the first Bounds mentioned the Southeast Corner aforesaid, West by the Needle Two Degrees Southward Six Miles or untill it meet with Salem Canada line (so called) and Turning and Runing North—by the Needle Two Degrees Westward, Two Miles or untill it come to the most Northeasterly Corner of Salem Canada Township as formerly laid out, then turning



and runing West as aforesaid Two Degrees Southerly so far, And extending the North Line of the Premisses likewise Westward untill a Line Paralel with the East Line will include the Contents of Seven Miles long and Six Miles broad as aforesaid.

To Have and To Hold, To them, their Heirs & Assigns forever, excepting as aforesaid on the following Terms, Conditions, and Limitations (that is to say) that as the greatest Part of the Tract aforesaid has heretofore been divided into Sixty three Shares, now therefore that there be reserved for the Use of the Grantors their Heirs & Assigns forever, out of the Lands aforesaid already divided Nine Shares or Sixty third Parts as followeth Viz<sup>t</sup> The Home Lotts Number four, Number Twenty five, Numbers Thirty three, nine, Twenty Eight, Five, Twenty Nine, Eighteen, and Ten with the several Lotts annexed to the same, as in the Schedule hereafter, also so much of the common Lands, or undivided, to be laid out in that Part of said Tract near the great Meadows, as shall be equal to one half Part of a Share reserved as aforesaid. Which half Share is appropriated to Joseph Blanchard jun<sup>r</sup> with the same proportion of the Common Land each in that Part formerly within the Bounds called New Boston, exclusive and excepting Five Hundred Acres hereby Granted and Appropriated to the Grantees to be by them disposed of for Encouragement for building and Supporting Mills in said Township, also Reserving unto the Grantors their Heirs & Assigns, after the Five hundred Acres aforesaid is laid out and compleated in the Common, One Fourth Part for Quantity and Quality of the Lands by this Grant added within the Bounds aforesaid, over and above what was contained within the Bounds of that called New Boston as formerly laid out, the said Grantors Parts to be divided Lotted and Coupled together and drawn for with the Grantees, according to the Number of Shares as before reserved, so as for the Grantors to have one full Quarter part as aforesaid, said Work to be finished within Twelve Months from this Date, at the Charge of the Grantees only. Also that the Grantors Right in Three of the Shares laid out as aforesaid, be and hereby is granted and Appropriated free of all Charge, One for the first settled Minister, One for the Ministry and One for the School there forever, as they are set down in the Schedule hereafter.

That the aforesaid Reservations for the Grantors, and as well for Joseph Blanchard jun<sup>r</sup> be free from all Dutys, Taxes, Charges, or Expencc whatsoever, untill improved by the Owner or Owners, or some holding under them—

That all the Lotts in said Township be subject to have all necessary Roads or Highways laid thrô them, as there shall be necessary occasion for, free from Charge of purchasing the same.—

That the Grantees on their parts make Forty five Settlements in said Township in the following Manner Viz<sup>t</sup> each to have a House built of One Room at the least of Sixteen feet Square fitted and finished for comfortable dwelling in, And Three Acres cleared, Inclosed, and fitted for mowing or tillage on each of the said forty five Shares at or before the first Day of August 1754. And within One Year afterwards a family or some Person inhabiting there on each Settlement, and to continue Residency there for three Years then next, and within that term to fitt four Acres more, each, for mowing, or tillage as aforesaid.—

That the Grantees build a Meeting House there in four Years from this date.

That the Grantees at their own Expence, make the Settlement aforesaid — And within Six Months from this Date ascertain the particular Grantees, who they shall determine to make Settlement and inhabit there as aforesaid and certifie the same under their Clerks hand into the Grantors Clerks office.—

And in Case any of the Grantees be Delinquent, who shall be enjoined the Settlement as aforesaid, or any part of Duty enjoined by this Grant on such Share hereafter ascertained, the whole Share or Right of such Delinquent shall and hereby is Granted to such of the Grantees, who shall comply on their parts, provided they fullfill such Delinquents Duty in two Years after each period next coming, that such duty should have been done, and on their Neglect then all such Delinquents rights or Shares to revert to the Grantors their Heirs and Assigns free and clear from all future Charges thereon —

That the Grantees hold under the Conditions herein the several Lotts of Upland and Meadow already laid out in said Township, as sett forth in the Schedule annexed, and the future Divisions to be ascertained by and according to the Massachusetts Grant to them or their Vendors.

That one Home lott (so called) viz<sup>t</sup> Number Sixty be set and relinquish'd unto John & Jonathan Simpson's Assignee, Joseph Wright, always provided and on this Condition only that he build, clear, Inclose & settle a Family on said Lott, according to the periods, and several Articles of Duty enjoined and Specified for one of the forty five rights aforesaid, and this Settlement to be over and above the said forty five, and in case of failure or Neglect of any Part of y<sup>e</sup> said Duty, the said Lott N<sup>o</sup> Sixty to revert to the Grantees and Grantors in common to be Apportioned with the other common Lands. Also provided that y<sup>e</sup> said Wright or his Assigns, pay the proportionable part of Charge for that Lott, in carrying forward the Settlement.—



That the Grantees or their Assigns, at any publick meeting called for that Purpose by a Majority of Votes of the Interest present, Grant, and Assess such further Sum or Sums of Money, as they shall think necessary, for compleating, and carrying forward the Settlement<sup>t</sup> aforesaid from Time to Time, and all other necessary Charges, untill the same shall be incorporated.—

And every of the Grantees who shall refuse, and neglect making payment of their respective Sums and Taxes, for the Space of three Months next after such Tax or assessment shall be granted and made.

That then so much of Such Delinquents Right respectively, shall and may be sold as will pay the Tax or Taxes, and all charges arising thereon by a Committee to be appointed by the Grantees for that purpose.

That all White pine Trees fitt for masting his Majesty's Royall Navy, growing on said Tract of Land, be and hereby are granted to his Majesty his Heirs and Successors forever.—

And as a further Condition of this Grant, that the Grantees herein mentioned within three Months from the Date hereof, Signifie their consent and Acceptance as well as their fullfillment and conformity to the whole of the Conditions herein specified by counter signing these Premises with their Hands and Seals, and on failure thereof to receive no Benefitt by the aforewritten Grant. Always provided there be no Indian Warr, within any of the Terms and Limitations aforesaid, for doing the Duty conditioned in this Grant, and in case that should happen, the same Time to be allowed for the respective Duties, matters, and things as aforesaid, after such impediment shall be removed.—

To all which Premisses Joseph Blanchard Agent for and in behalf of the said Grantors, on the One Part, and the Grantees on the other Part have hereunto Interchangeably sett our Hands and Seals, this Twenty fourth Day of December 1751.—

John Hill	[seal]	Rob <sup>t</sup> Jenkins	[seal]
Jonathan Clarke	[seal]	Sam <sup>l</sup> Checkley	[seal]
William Blair Townsend	[seal]	Job Lewis	[seal]
James Halsey	[seal]	John Steel	[seal]
John Erving	[seal]	Gilb <sup>t</sup> Warner	[seal]
Joseph Green	[seal]	Isaac Loring	[seal]
Isaac Walker	[seal]	Samuel Swift for	
John Homans	[seal]	S. Tyleys heirs	[seal]
Hannah Speakman	[seal]	James Day	[seal]
John Maverick	[seal]	Tho <sup>s</sup> Bulfinch	[seal]
Will <sup>m</sup> Bant	[seal]	patrick douglass	[seal]

Rufus Greene	[seal]	william <sup>his</sup> X white	[seal]
John Phillips Execu <sup>r</sup>		<sup>mark</sup> John macallester	[seal]
to Benj <sup>a</sup> Clark's last will	[seal]	James wilson	[seal]
John Spooner	[seal]	thomas Willson	[seal]
Benj <sup>a</sup> Tyler in be-		Eliezer Boyd	[seal]
half of my father		Tho <sup>s</sup> Cochran	[seal]
John Tyler	[seal]	James Caldwell	[seal]
Dan <sup>l</sup> Pecker	[seal]	Robert Boyes	[seal]
Henry Howell	[seal]	James Hunter	[seal]
Joseph Wright	[seal]	Benj <sup>a</sup> Bagnall	[seal]
Joseph Richards in behalf of		Con <sup>l</sup> Dudleys Eyers	[seal]
Robert Boyes for Edward Durents hairs			[seal]

Grantees Names	Home Lotts	2 <sup>d</sup> Division	2 <sup>d</sup> Division	Meadow Lotts
Job Lewis . . . . .	35	43	11	
Henry Howell . . . . .	6	22	124	
John Steel Esqr . . . . .	26	39	107	
Thomas Bullfinch . . . . .	1	98	117	
Robert Jenkins . . . . .		45	101	
John Spooner . . . . .		3	35	
Benjamin Bagnall . . . . .	13	59	38	
Samuel Tyley's heirs . . . . .	40	17	113	
James Townsend's heirs . . . . .	47	76	82	47
Isaac Walker . . . . .		105	119	
Joseph Wright . . . . .	61	40	21	60
Eleazar Boyd . . . . .	11	6	48	
Daniel Pecker . . . . .	3	74	91	
William Dudley's heirs . . . . .	44	57	93	44
Joseph Wright . . . . .	62	55	13	62
Robert Boyes . . . . .	54	46	106	54
Thomas Cochrean . . . . .	16	14	10	16
Thomas Cochrean . . . . .	2	58	65	
John Homan . . . . .	26	30	27	
Jonathan Clark . . . . .		5	25	
Thomas Cochrean . . . . .	20	77	63	
James Day . . . . .	17	67	110	17
Robert Jenkins . . . . .		7	49	
Gilbert Warner . . . . .		80	89	
Benj <sup>a</sup> Clarks heirs . . . . .	53	109	9	53
Will <sup>m</sup> Speakmans heirs . . . . .	15	18	27	15
Robert Boyes . . . . .	7	54	103	



Grantees Names	Home Lotts	2 <sup>d</sup> Division	2 <sup>d</sup> Division	Meadow Lotts
Richard Checkley's heirs . . . . .	34	34	26	34
John Ervin Esqr . . . . .	48	68	109	48
John Hill Esqr . . . . .		8	2	
John McCallester . . . . .		19	23	
Edward Durant's heirs . . . . .		92	56	
John Tyler . . . . .		88	81	
James Halsey . . . . .		41	121	
William Bant . . . . .	59	52	102	59
John Maverick . . . . .	30	1	112	
Rufus Green . . . . .	24	32	62	
Daniel Loring's heirs . . . . .	52	73	90	
Daniel Pecker . . . . .	23	4	24	
James Huntur . . . . .		99	116	
Joseph Green . . . . .	8	15	104	
Publick Right for y <sup>e</sup> Grantees . . . . .	19	33	96	
First Ministers Lott . . . . .	63	70	161	
Ministry . . . . .	64	36	123	
School Right . . . . .	65	53	79	
Patrick Doughlass . . . . .	22	94	64	
William White . . . . .		31	115	
James Caldwell . . . . .		51	86	
James Caldwell . . . . .		20	72	
James Caldwell . . . . .		27	37	
James Wilson . . . . .	12	75	84	
James Wilson . . . . .		16	114	
James Wilson . . . . .		125	85	
Thomas Wilson . . . . .	13	66	111	
Thomas Smith . . . . .	21			
Joseph Wright . . . . .	60			
Robert Boyes Esqr . . . . .	58			58
	38			
	46			46
	50			
	31			31
	57			57
	32			32
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	37			
	51			
	42			42
	56			56
	45			45
	39			
	55			55

Grantees Names	Home Lots.	2 <sup>d</sup> Division	2 <sup>d</sup> Division	Meadow Lots.
	41			41
	43			43
	49			
Lotts Reserved to the Grantors—	4	78	83	
	25	29	108	
	33	42	71	
	28	87	122	
	5	95	118	
	9	120	126	
	29	69	60	
	18	44	12	
	10	28	50	
To Joseph Blanchard jun <sup>r</sup> $\frac{1}{2}$ Right to be lay'd out with 2 Lotts in the great Meadow				61 33

The aforewritten Schedule is a true Draught of the Lotts as they now stand granted by this Charter, the Home lotts were laid out for Fifty Acres of the best Land and qualified for poor land with a larger Quantity, the Second Division contain two Lotts for each Share of One hundred and fifty three Acres each—

As returned  $\text{P}$  Robert Boyes Esq<sup>r</sup> authorized by the Grantees for that Purpose.—

The Date within I the said Joseph Blanchard in behalf of the Grantors, further engage to the Grantees, their Heirs and Assigns. If need be to defend thrô the Law to King and Council, One Action that shall or may be brought against them or any Number of them, by any Person or Persons claiming the said Land or any Part thereof, by any other Title, than that of the said Grantors, or that by which they hold and derive theirs from, provided the Grantors are avouched in to defend the same. And in Case the same shall be recovered over against the Grantors the said Grantees shall recover nothing over against the Grantors for the said Land, Improvements, or Expences in bring<sup>g</sup> forward the Settlement &c— As Witness my Hand & Seal

Joseph Blanchard & a Seal

The above is a True Copy Examined

$\text{P}$  William Blair Townsend  
Prop<sup>rs</sup> Clerk—



[*Reserved Lots, 1754.*]

[Masonian Proprietors' Records, March 27, 1754.]

The Draft of the Proprietors Shares & Rights in the Tract of Land called New Boston—viz<sup>t</sup> according to Plan as drawn

viz<sup>t</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> drawn N<sup>o</sup> 18, to Joshua Peirce Esqu<sup>r</sup> & Daniel Peirce Esqu<sup>r</sup> & Mary Moore

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|---|-----|--|
| 2 | 5   | to Joseph Blanchard Esqu <sup>r</sup> & Coll <sup>o</sup> Meserve & Comp <sup>a</sup>      |
| 3 | 29. | to Theodore Atkinson Esqu <sup>r</sup> & John Wentworth Esqu <sup>r</sup>                  |
| 4 | 28. | to Mess <sup>rs</sup> Thomlinson & Mason & Mess <sup>rs</sup> Solley & March               |
| 5 | 33. | to Thomas Wallingford Esqu <sup>r</sup> & Thomas Packer Esqu <sup>r</sup>                  |
| 6 | 4   | to Mark Hunking Wentworth Esqu <sup>r</sup> & Jotham Odi-<br>orne Esqu <sup>rs</sup> Right |
| 7 | 10  | to Richard Wibird Esqu <sup>r</sup> & George Jaffrey—                                      |
| 8 | 25  | to John Moffatt Esqu <sup>r</sup> & M <sup>r</sup> John Rindge                             |
| 9 | 9   | to Mathew Livermore Esqu <sup>r</sup> & William Parker Esqu <sup>r</sup>                   |

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[*James Caldwell's Improvements, 1759.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 7, p. 47.]

These may Certifie all whom it may concern That on the Twenty second Day of March A D 1759 I the subscriber (at the Desire of M<sup>r</sup> James Caldwell of Londonderry in the Province of New Hampshire) Took a view of the Improvements done on a Certain Tract of land Laid out to Joseph Blanchard Esq<sup>r</sup> Lying in that Tract of land Commonly called New Boston New Addition and I find one Famely liveing on the same (viz) John Carson with his wife and four Children in a house made of Round Loggs about Twenty feet squar with a Chimney made of stones and about Eight or nine Acres of Land under improvement for plowing with a young orchard of about fifty Apple trees with the frame of a house of about 26 or 28 feet in length and 20 D<sup>o</sup> in breadth with 4000 feet of boards as said Carson said lying at said frame and a Cellar under the same and 14 Neat Cattle and a horse and the said Carson said he cut the hay on said land that keeps them with and said Carson told me that there was at first a famely settled on the same along with him but was Moved away and that there was a famely to come and live on said farm along with him as soon as the snow was so much gone as that they could

get up Said Farm is said to be sold by said Joseph Blanchard Esq<sup>r</sup> to his Hon<sup>l</sup> Father and by him to said James Caldwell and by him to said John Carson

Math<sup>w</sup> Patten

At a Meeting of y<sup>e</sup> Proprietors held 28<sup>th</sup> Sept<sup>r</sup> 1759 The Proprietors desire Geo: Jaffrey Prop<sup>rs</sup> Clerk to write to y<sup>e</sup> Grantees of New Boston and acquaint them that S<sup>d</sup> Prop<sup>rs</sup> are Content that the Improvem<sup>ts</sup> made by Ja<sup>s</sup> Calwell within New Boston be in full for his Settling one of y<sup>e</sup> forty five shares conditioned in their Grant of New Boston &c<sup>a</sup>

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[*Caldwell's Settlements Accepted, 1759.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 7, p. 48.]

Gent<sup>m</sup>

M<sup>r</sup> James Calwell having manifested to the Proprietors of y<sup>e</sup> Lands purchased of John Tufton Mason Esq<sup>r</sup> that he has made two Settlements within the Tract of Land granted to you by y<sup>e</sup> name of New Boston—& altho' either of the Said Settlements he has made is not upon one of the forty five Settlements Conditioned in y<sup>e</sup> Grant made to you by Coll<sup>o</sup> Blanchard Deceas'd in our behalf, but as the two Settlements made on Said Calwells Lands within Said New Boston is more than equivalent to Settlement of one of the forty five Settlements Conditioned as aforesaid—The Proprietors have ordered & directed me to Signify to y<sup>e</sup> Grantees of New Boston that they are willing & desirous to Accept of m<sup>r</sup> James Calwell's Settlements within Said New Boston as the fulfilling y<sup>e</sup> Condition of Settlement of one of the forty five Settlements to be made within Said New Boston, and also desire that Said Calwell may not be called upon for the Settling his Lot in one of the forty five Settling Lotts So as to incur the forfeiture or Penalty for not Complying as aforesaid—by order and direction of the Proprietors

I am y<sup>r</sup> Humb<sup>le</sup> Serv<sup>t</sup>

Portsm<sup>o</sup> Sept<sup>r</sup> 29<sup>th</sup> 1759

Geo: Jaffrey Prop<sup>rs</sup> Cl

To the Grantees of New Boston within Mason's Patent in new Hampsh<sup>r</sup>



[*Answer to Masonian Proprietors, 1759.*]

[*Masonian Papers, Vol. 7, p. 49.*]

Boston Nov<sup>r</sup> 24<sup>th</sup> 1759—

Gen<sup>n</sup>

We Receiv'd yours of the 29<sup>th</sup> Septem<sup>r</sup> but Yesterday, About James Calwells forfeited Rights in New Boston, by which find he has Impos'd on you, as he has on us, by false Misrepresentations from time to time & only trifled with us all to Avoid the forfeiture of his Lands, which in Justice Should been two, for want of Duty done on both which Misrepresentations we have and Can Confront him in being well know'n to all the Inhabitance, there, who thought us too favourable in the Affair & was his own fault and owing to his Negligence as haveing allways Notice years before by which might prevented it.—

We have proceeded in every Step Agreeable to Law and our Charter—and Blam'd by the Inhabitance for Shew<sup>s</sup> too much Lenity. After 2 or 3 years time, for Returning the Duty done on Each Lott, we Advertised and Chose a Committee—Viz<sup>t</sup> John Hill & Rob<sup>t</sup> Boyce Esq<sup>rs</sup> Rob<sup>t</sup> Jenkins & Tho<sup>s</sup> Cochran who proceeded over Each Lot throughout the Town, A Twell Month After: given Notice for their view, (In order for the Accomplishment of Duty omitt<sup>d</sup> on the view, found Calwell had 3 Rights in the 45 to perform Duty of Settlement, one of which found Agreeable, the other two nothing preform'd Except one or Two Acres of Trees Cut Down and there Lay without Houses Built or any other Improvement at all, Accordingly on the Return we forfeited only one in full Meeting, who Insisted on both but through Lenity we gave Six Months Longer to Compleat them and Stade near 12 Months after, Still found nothing done, then we Advertis'd at sundry times the forfeited Lots & Numbers to be Sold, which a Considerable time After Sold at Vandue to the highest bidder with some others to the Satisfaction of the Inhabitance for the Benifet of the whole Consen'd—

He pretended by Selling John Cassen a Right in the New Addision some Years ago which he now Lives on, by which one of his Lotts was to Answer, the Duty done and Said he Sold it and Agreed it Accordingly, on which we pointed it and Agreed to Refer it to Cassen an be Govern'd by the Bargin made with him and Likewise Leave it to M<sup>r</sup> Atkenson and the Proprietors, on Cassens Appearance he Declar'd there was nothing in it, but bought it of him at a high Price without any taulk thought or Agreement of Covering any Lott but what then bou<sup>t</sup> which he now Lives on, by which may perceive his Trifeling on all Sides So Gen<sup>n</sup> as we have no Sinister Views, but to Act for the good of the whole, As your Interest is Equally Consen'd

—hope you wont Interfear, If you Should It might Lead Us into many Illconvenances so as to Discourage in our Duty—As to what is Done is to the Satisfaction of the present Settlers, whom in Generall we meet a few weeks ago in Chelmsford and all Agreeable & mostly Condem'nd Calwells proceedings as Acting only with a View of Stockjobing y<sup>e</sup> Land and thought both Lotts Should have been forfeited as all Three belongs to the 45 to be Returnd—

We Shall forward the Settlement as fast as Possible & Agreed to Build a Meeting House and Cut Conveanant Roads through all Parts of The Town which will Make it very Valueable Soon & may Depend Shall not be wanting in our Duty to forward it, though with much time & Trouble on Us from the begining, the Lott Cant be Recall'd as faredy Sold with Others and Recorded, and warranted by the Proprietors to be made good, M<sup>r</sup> Boyce Cochran & many others Can Inform more Peticulers, which we now Omit & Air——

Gen<sup>n</sup> Your Hb<sup>le</sup> Ser<sup>ts</sup>

James Halsey	} for y <sup>e</sup> Committee
Jonathan Clarke	
Rob <sup>t</sup> Jenkins	

To George Jeffery Esq<sup>r</sup> In behalf of y<sup>e</sup> Gen<sup>ns</sup> Proprietors of Mas-  
sons Clame In New Hampshire

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[*John Hill to Proprietors, 1763.*]

[*Masonian Papers, Vol. 7, p. 50.*]

Boston August 22-1763

S<sup>r</sup> I Greatfully Acknowledg Your favour of the tenth Instant it Gave me Great satisfaction to find my Grant of Hillbrough to be five year before the Vote Impowering Col<sup>o</sup> Blanchard to Make the Grant to Baldwin of the farm I mentioned—S<sup>r</sup> please to present my Complents to the Gentlemen proprietors of Masons Clame—I think it my Duty to Inform them—that some time ago as I was Journeing to New Boston I man unknown to me stopt me on the Road and told me he had a mind to Go & Setle on some of the Lands between New Boston & Hillbrough he ask;d my advice if he did wither they Could amove him or put him to trouble—I advised him by No means to do it, If he did he would sertanly bring himself into Difecultys—since which about a week ago one of the setlers of Hillbrough was at my House in Boston and Told me one Garret Rowen of New-Boston had Cutt the Medows that Lie;s between New-Boston & Hillbrough that my setleres had Cutt Several times before and was a great servis to them in there first going on—



when thay Inquired of him the said Rowen upon what Account he Cut them—he told them he had got a grant of five hundred Acres of s<sup>d</sup> Land from the proprietors by my means & my Recommending him to the Gentlemen—which thay must be sensible is Absolutly fallse—for I Never say the said Rowen in my life to my Knowledg Except he be the man I mentioned above that mett me on the Road—as the above affare of Rowen Semes to be fall; and without foundation—and as the said Meddows will be servisable to the setlers of Hillbrough in there first settlement until there Lands are more bro;t to Einglish grass—I Humble begg the favour of the Gentlemen Proprietors if thay have not allready made a grant of s<sup>d</sup> Medows—that thay would make me a grant of Said medows—for the Use of the setlers of Hillbrough and for the more forwarding the Settlement—until thay otherways dispose of them or Improve them for there own Use and as in duty bound shall Ever pray

John Hill

S<sup>r</sup> please to present this to the Gentlemen proprietors—and you;l  
Greatly Oblige Your Very Humble Servent

John Hill

please to Make the Grant to me for the Use above

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[*Robert Jenkins to Proprietors, 1772.*]

[*Masonian Papers, Vol. 7, p. 51.*]

Boston June 8 1772

Sir

Y<sup>rs</sup> Rec<sup>d</sup> of 25 Untemat: & Obserive y<sup>e</sup> Contents: You Say y<sup>e</sup> Proprietors of Masons Patten are Dissatisfied in y<sup>e</sup> laying out y<sup>e</sup> land in N Boston Town & Adisstion I Should be glad you<sup>d</sup> point Out wherein thay have done wrong If thare is A Mistake I am Sattisfied thaye are Ignorant of It & done nothing but what thay Are willing & Ready to Rectify: but as Col<sup>n</sup> Blanchard Settled y<sup>e</sup> whole Affair & Set of ye Mason Share in y<sup>e</sup> addistion & y<sup>e</sup> plan Was Signed: Excepted by Y<sup>r</sup> Self as Clark to Masson Proprietors The Boston Proprietors Allways Understood what Col<sup>n</sup> Blancherd had done which he had full Power to do from Mason Proprietors was fully to y<sup>e</sup> Sattisfaction to Mason Proprietoires & thay allways thought Masson Proprietors was Intirely Sattisfied as thay had Excepted the Plan & had made No Objections to It for So long a Space time but as time doth Not Rectifie wrongs thay are & will be Ready to doe whats Right & just between y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup> Proprietors Nottwithstanding y<sup>e</sup> hard treatment M<sup>r</sup> Price Oxnerd & Self Meet with in y<sup>e</sup> Affair of New Concord &c:

After Expending So much money time & labour & brought it neigh a Close of Settlement of Neigh 30 familys ready to go On: And At last Chounch<sup>d</sup> Out of It by Dissuite & lyes If nothing worse but we have Not Yet given it Up or Over Entending as We have Encouragement to Search to the Bottom of y<sup>e</sup> Clame As y<sup>e</sup> town might now been Settled As well as New Boston If justice had been done As it Should from

Sir Y<sup>r</sup> Injured frind

Rob<sup>t</sup> Jenkins

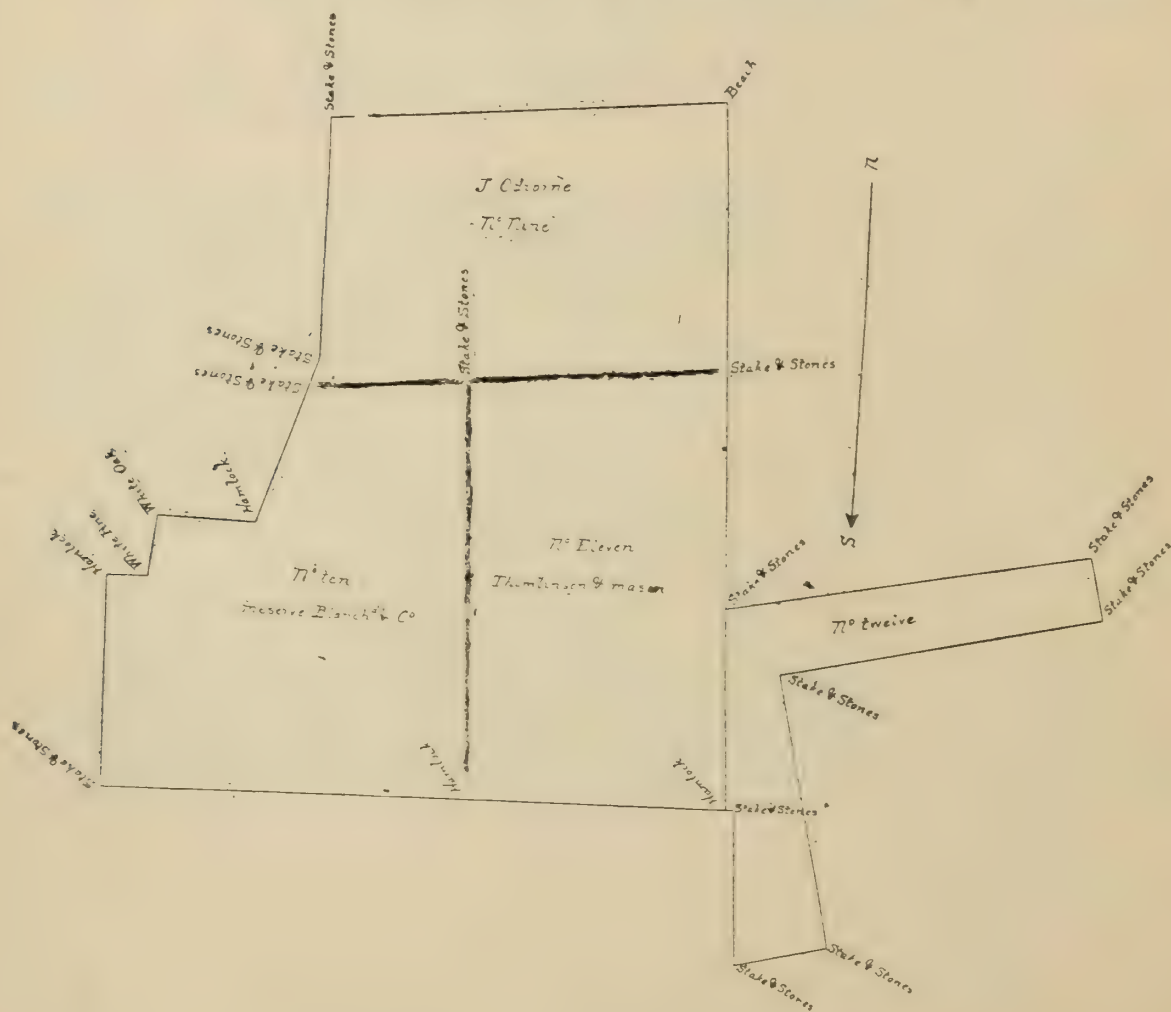
Direct Y<sup>r</sup> Litters post free As ntring in Stock to Answare y<sup>e</sup> Charge Direct in my Absance to m<sup>r</sup> Lewis Deblois in Boston

[*Plan of Common Land, 1772.*]

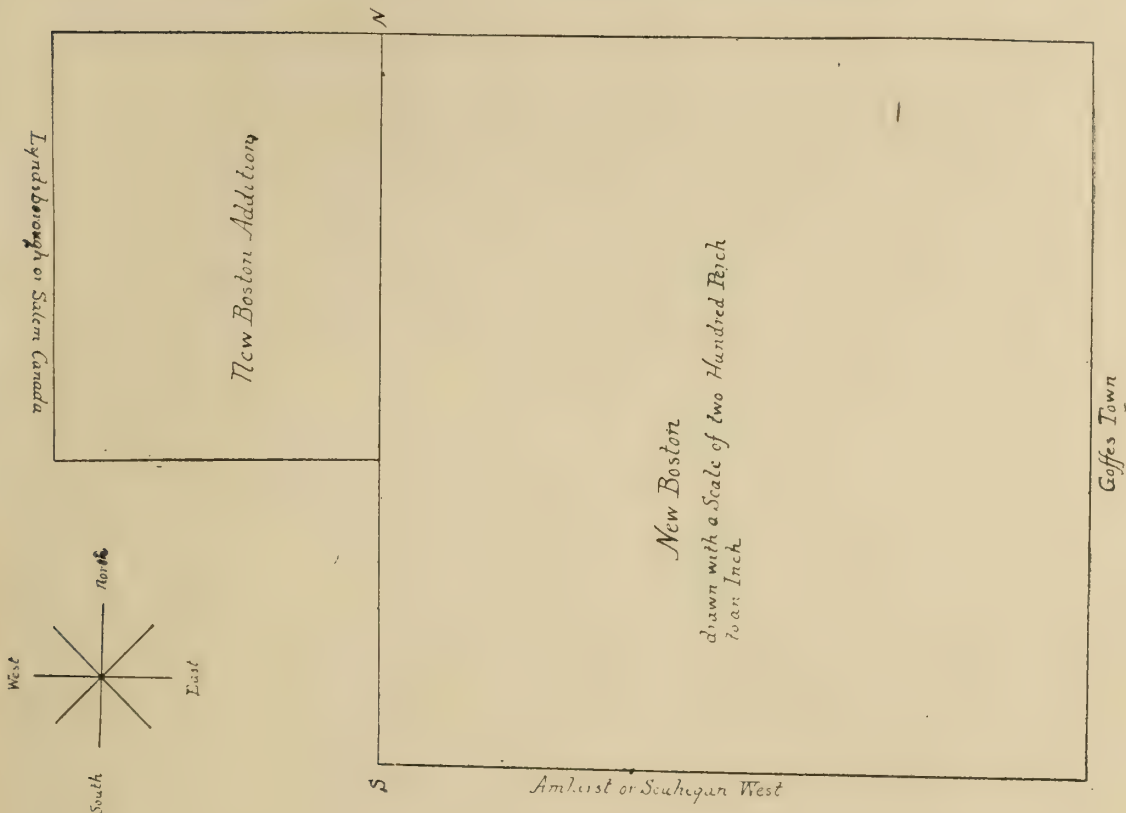
This Plan Discribes the Common land in New Boston that lies South of the Great Medow So Called, and leiut. John Smiths land lay'd in a scale of thirty Perch to an Inch. lay'd out under the Care of M<sup>r</sup> Thomas Cockran M<sup>r</sup> James Caldwell and Capt. Robert Moor Committee for the Proprietors of Said New Boston August the 27<sup>th</sup> A D 1772

This Certifies that this is a true Plan as above

Per William Clark Survayer of land





[*Plan of New Boston and Addition.*][*Proprietors' Reservations in Addition, 1772.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 7, p. 52.]

Amherst New Hampshire September 9<sup>th</sup> 1772

We the Subscribers, com<sup>tee</sup> for the management of the prudential affairs of New Boston, mett this day, and as the grantors, Viz<sup>t</sup> the proprietors of Masons clame, have not as yet had there reservation of a quarter part of the new addition land of New Boston set of to them; We have, and do sett of to the said Grantors the following Lots, Viz<sup>t</sup> Lot N<sup>o</sup> two, Lot N<sup>o</sup> five, Lot N<sup>o</sup> fourteen, Lot N<sup>o</sup> seventeen, each containing one hundred Acres, as laid out, and may be seen on the Plan of said Town. Allso N<sup>o</sup> one, N<sup>o</sup> two, N<sup>o</sup> three, and N<sup>o</sup> four, being the farm that lieth in the south west corner of the said new addition; being one hundred Acres each, which contains the whole of said farm. Allso N<sup>o</sup> five, N<sup>o</sup> six, N<sup>o</sup> seven, N<sup>o</sup> eight, each of said Lots containing one hundred and seven Acres, and three fourths of an Acre, which lieth in, and is contained in the farm, and is one quarter of said

farms lying in the south east corner of the said additional Land, as laid out in the Plan of said town. Allso N<sup>o</sup> nine, N<sup>o</sup> ten, N<sup>o</sup> eleven, containing one hundred Acres each; and N<sup>o</sup> twelve containing fifty Acres, as by the Plan herewith inclosed. This whole plan, as it is laid out by M<sup>r</sup> Clarke, the surveyor, contains twelve Acres more, than three hundred and fifty Acres. And as you will draw Lots for them, each proprietor has his chance for the Lots, be the same more or less. Perhaps the Grantors may conjecter there may be some design, that the Lot N<sup>o</sup> six which was one of the Lots, that was agreed for, the reservation was not in this return, the reason is, it was unknown to John Hill Esq<sup>r</sup> when he agreed that, to be one of the Lots. He did not then know that it was set of to the Minister of the town, the Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Moor, for his part of the addition land. And the hundred Acres, now contained in the Plan, in the room of N<sup>o</sup> six, is much better than that, as M<sup>r</sup> Clarke the surveyor will acquaint you.

Gentlemen. We the Com<sup>tee</sup> have undertakin to do this, without calling the proprietors togeather, for these reasons. first, it would have been attended with considerable trouble and expence; and if they had met, & we could not have got a vote, as is possible, by reason of diferant Minds you must have had your remedy in the Law; which would have been expensive to both. And as the Com<sup>tee</sup> have now laid them out and you take possession; Nobody can ever disturb you. Besides wee think that sufficient power lyeth with the committee to do what we have done.

John Hill	} Committee
Thomas Cochran	
James Caldwell	

To the Grantors of Masons Clame

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[*Draft of Reserved Lots in Addition, 1772.*]

[Masonian Proprietors' Records, Nov. 4, 1772, and Masonian Papers, Vol. 7, p. 55.]

Province of ) Portsmouth November 4<sup>th</sup> 1772. Wednesday  
 New Hampshire ) three of the Clock afternoon at the dwelling house  
 of James Stoodly Esq<sup>r</sup> Innholder the Proprietors meet according to  
 adjournment—

Whereas John Hill Esq<sup>r</sup> Thomas Cochran and James Caldwell the Committee of the Grantees of New Boston hath made a Return of

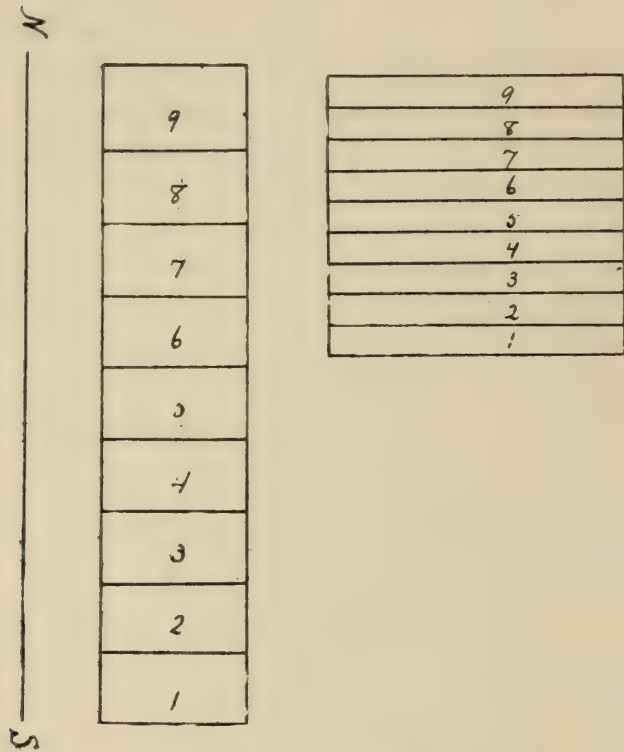


Plans of the Proprietors the Grantor's Reservation in the New Boston addition, which Return of the Said Committee is accepted, and therefore—Voted that the Lots returned for the fifteen Proprietors shares be now drawn for at this Meeting and that the fifteen lots drawn to the Rights of the fifteen Proprietors be Severed by Said draft & be to them their Heirs and assigns in Severalty, as they shall be drawn and entered to them—and also that the Lot N<sup>o</sup> twelve as returned in one of Said Plans, reputed to contain about forty four Acres, be the Same more or less, is reserved out of the draft of Said Lots, and that the Same shall be Sold by order & direction of Said Proprietors, and the Sum it shall be Sold for, be distributed to y<sup>e</sup> owners of the fifteen Proprietors Rights—

The Draft of the Lots in New Boston addition and entered to the Rights of the fifteen Proprietors—viz<sup>t</sup>—

1 <sup>st</sup> drawn to the Right of Richard Wibird Esq <sup>r</sup> —	.	.	N <sup>o</sup> 3 —
2 <sup>d</sup> — to the Right of Joshua Peirce Esq <sup>r</sup> —	.	.	5 —
in s <sup>o</sup> East Corner			
3 <sup>d</sup> — to Daniel Peirce Esq <sup>r</sup> & Mary Moor—	.	.	6 —
4 <sup>th</sup> — to m <sup>r</sup> John Rindge—	.	.	7 —
5 <sup>th</sup> — to Mark Hunk <sup>g</sup> Wentworth Esq <sup>r</sup> —	.	.	14 —
6 <sup>th</sup> — to Mess <sup>rs</sup> Solly and March—	.	.	17 —
7 <sup>th</sup> — to George Jaffrey Esq <sup>r</sup> —	.	.	1 —
8 <sup>th</sup> — to Theodore Atkinson Esq <sup>r</sup> —	.	.	2 —
9 <sup>th</sup> — to John Moffat Esq <sup>r</sup> —	.	.	5 —
10 <sup>th</sup> — to the Right of Thomas Packer Esq <sup>r</sup> —	.	.	4 —
11 <sup>th</sup> — to the Right of Tho <sup>s</sup> Walingford Esq <sup>r</sup> —	.	.	2 —
in S <sup>o</sup> west Corner			
12 <sup>th</sup> — to mess <sup>rs</sup> Meserve Blanchard and Comp <sup>a</sup> —	.	.	10 —
13 <sup>th</sup> — to the Right of Jotham Odiorne Esq <sup>r</sup> —	.	.	9 —
14 <sup>th</sup> — to mess <sup>rs</sup> Thomlinson and Mason—	.	.	11 —
15 — to the Right of John Wentworth Esq <sup>r</sup> —	.	.	8 —

[Plan of Reserved Lots in Addition.]



*These Plans Describes the Grantors Reservations  
in that Part of New Boston known By the Name of  
the addition and is Laid Down in a Scale of one Hun-  
dred Rods to an inch*

*Per Will<sup>m</sup> Clark Surveyor*

[Petition of Samuel Atkinson, 1778.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 7, p. 53.]

To the Honrable Committee for the Proprietors of the Lands Purchased of John Tuften mason Esqr. in the State of Newhampshire, Gentlemen, the Petetion of Samuel Atkenson, who humbly Sheweth that your Petitioner Some years Past Did Sundry Servises for S<sup>d</sup> Proprietors in Carying on the Proprietors Lawsuit in Sundry Corts, with the Strongest Encouragement of haveing a Sattisfaction in Land, which your Petetioner has Never yet had—your Petetioner Now Prays for a Small Range of Land adjoyning to Alexandria Adition, which was threw a mistake Run out and market by the Proprietors of S<sup>d</sup> Adition, which Range of Land your Petetioner would Settle uppon Terms Advantagious to S<sup>d</sup> Proprietors. and your Petetioner as in Duty Bound Shall Ever Pray

June 25<sup>th</sup> 1778

Sam<sup>l</sup> Atkinson



[*Services and Petition of Samuel Atkinson, 1779.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 7, p. 53.]

Servises Done by Samuel Atkinson for the Proprietors of Mason Pattent So Called, in the year 1772—

to Attending Court as an Evedence at Severall Terms and Traveling to and from Court—

to a Journey from Exeter to Newchester to Summons Evedence

to fifteen Days Takeing Possession of all ye Lots in Alexandria Horse hire & Expences

1779 February 25<sup>th</sup> To the Proprietors of the Lands Purchased of John Tufton Mason Esqr. in Newhampshire, Gentlemen—the Petetion of Samuel Atkinson, who Humbly Sheweth that your Petetioner Did the above Services which weare Attended with uncoman Fatigue Cost & Trouble.—but Performed with a full Expectation of being well Rewarded for Said Servises by y<sup>e</sup> Proprietors, by their Grant of Some Land which wos Promised by Some proprietors which has Not yet been Done, your Petetioner humbly Prays that your Honours would Take this Case into their Consideration and Grant your Petetioner Such Consideration in Land in the Range Adjoyning Alexandria Adition, as your Honours think Proper and your Pertitionor as in Dutey Bound Shall Ever Pray

Sam<sup>ll</sup> Atkinson

[*Jonas Minot's Recommendation, 1779.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 7, p. 54.]

Portsmouth Febr<sup>y</sup> 25<sup>th</sup> 1779

Sir, I hope you will See that Cap<sup>t</sup> Atkinson is Sattisfied for his Servises Done for y<sup>e</sup> Mason Proprietors, which to my Knowledge wos Costley hard & Very Fatigueing—whom if you Reward well, will I am Perswaded for y<sup>e</sup> future be willing to Do you any Servises, which you may Need—these from Sir your most humble Ser<sup>t</sup>

Jonas Minot

To M<sup>r</sup> John Penhollow

[*Petition of Thomas Smith.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 7, p. 54.]

Province of } To the Proprietors of the Land Purchased of  
 New Hampsh<sup>r</sup> } John Tufton Mason Esq<sup>r</sup> in Said Province

Humbly Shews Thomas Smith of New Boston So Called in Said Province That about four or five Years ago the Said Proprietors Granted to him five Rights in Said New Boston to him & his four Sons Since which Robert Boyes Esq. Claims one of them that your Petitioner has lived there 12 Years Come August next & has made Considerable Improvements there but has never had a Copy of the Grant made to him as afores<sup>d</sup> whereby to Quiet him in his possession wherefore he Prays that the Premises may be Inquired into & that he may have what was So Granted to him he also Prays that you would Grant to him that Gore of Land lying between Hales Town & Said New Boston on which he has also made Some Improvements for him & his four Sons w<sup>ch</sup> they are willing to Purchase at the Value & Immediately Settle for all w<sup>ch</sup> Your Petitioner shall pray &c—

Thomas Smith

Resolved in y<sup>e</sup> negative

## NEWBURY.

[Granted by the Masonian Proprietors to James Minot, Jr., and others as *Dantzic*, June 4, 1753. Regranted Feb. 5, 1772, to John Fisher. Incorporated as *Fishersfield* Nov. 27, 1778, and named in honor of John Fisher. The present name was adopted June 28, 1837, to take effect July 4, 1837. The Masonian grant of *Hereford* Aug. 7, 1754, was included within these limits. Newbury was taken from Cheshire County and annexed to Hillsborough at the time of incorporation, and became a part of Merrimack County on its formation. A portion of the town was included in the limits of Goshen, incorporated Dec. 27, 1791. Two tracts of land were severed and annexed to Bradford, one Dec. 6, 1796, and the other June 23, 1859.

See XII, Hammond Town Papers, 662; Index to Laws, 188, 403; sketch by N. C. Lear, Hurd's History of Merrimack County, 1885, p. 415; Stewart's History of the Free Baptists, 1862, p. 252; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, p. 400.]

[*Charter of Dantzic, 1753.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 7, p. 56.]

Province of } Pursuant to the Power & Authority Granted &  
 New Hamp<sup>r</sup> } vested in me the Subscriber by the Prop<sup>rs</sup> of Lands  
 purchased of John Tufton Mason Esq<sup>r</sup> in the Province of New Hamp<sup>r</sup>



by their vote passed at their meeting held at Portsm<sup>o</sup> in s<sup>d</sup> Province the Sixth day of December 1751

I do by these Presents on the Terms and Limetations with the Reservations here after expressed give & grant all the Right Title Property & Possession of the Prop<sup>rs</sup> afores<sup>d</sup> unto James Minott Jun<sup>r</sup> Jabez Hatch John Martain Willfret Fisher Tho<sup>s</sup> Downe Tho<sup>s</sup> Down Jun<sup>r</sup> Ebenezer Stevenes Benj<sup>a</sup> Stevenes Hugh Sunderlin John Melidy James Bulkley John Deney Tho<sup>s</sup> Hake John Haskins Rob<sup>t</sup> Erskins John Wardell Sam<sup>l</sup> adams Joseph adams Joseph Elson Benj<sup>a</sup> White John Hill Jun<sup>r</sup> Will<sup>m</sup> Hill Henry Maxwell Hill, John Fowle Jun<sup>r</sup> James Fowle Jun<sup>r</sup> Josiah Fowle Lenoard Fowle Jere<sup>h</sup> Gridley Esq<sup>r</sup> John Fowle Esq<sup>r</sup> Jn<sup>o</sup> Hill Esq<sup>r</sup> Isaac Colburn Will<sup>m</sup> Cox Jonathan Butterfield Charles Cox Oliver Colburn W<sup>m</sup> Eayres Benj<sup>a</sup> Farwell Will<sup>m</sup> Harris Jonathan Farwell Benj<sup>a</sup> Thomson Samuel Searles Eleaz<sup>r</sup> Farwell Sam<sup>l</sup> Hueston Philip Olerike Joseph Peirce Will<sup>m</sup> Parker Jun<sup>r</sup> Caleb page Edward Russell Tho<sup>s</sup> Parker Jun<sup>r</sup> & Abeel Richardson of In & to that Tract of Land or Township lying in the Province of New Hamp<sup>r</sup> afores<sup>d</sup> Containing Twenty three thousand and Forty acres Bounded a followeth Begining at the Southwest Corner of the Premises in the Western Line of Masons Patant as Lately run fifty one miles & a Quarter northerly in the Course of the Patant line from y<sup>e</sup> northern boundarys of y<sup>e</sup> Massachusetts, from thence runing south 65 Degrees East Six miles and an half to a tree marked from thence North 42 Degrees East three miles and three Quarters to a tree marked from thence N. 46 Degrees East two miles and three Quarters to a tree marked from thence North 65 Degrees West Six miles & an half to the s<sup>d</sup> Patant Line from thence by the Said Patant line to the first Bounds mentioned which Tract of Land is called Dantzwick—

To them their Heirs & Assigns To Have & to Hold on the following Terms & Conditions with the Reservations hereinafter expressed viz<sup>t</sup> that the Tract or Township afores<sup>d</sup> be devided into one Hundred & twenty three Equal Shares two Lotts at the Least to Each Share to be finished & drawn for in Sone equitable Manner at or Before the Last day of November 1755

That three of the afores<sup>d</sup> Shares be & hereby are granted free from Charge one for the first Setled Minister one for the ministry & one for the School there forever

That twenty more of the s<sup>d</sup> Shares be Reserved for the Grantors their Heirs & Assigns forever & Aquited from all Duty and Charge untill Improved by the owners or Some Holding under them Respectively—

That the owners of the other Shares make Setlem<sup>ts</sup> at their own



Expençe in y<sup>e</sup> following Manner viz<sup>t</sup> Each Grantee at the Expiration of five Yeares from the Last Day of November next after the Date Hereof have three acres Parcell of his Right respectively clered inclosed & fitted for mowing or Tillage, three Acres more clered Inclosed & fitted as afores<sup>d</sup> then Next annually for three Yeares & at the End of three Yeares which will be on the Last Day of Novem<sup>r</sup> 1761 have each a dwelling house built & finished fit & Comfortable for a famaly to Dwell in & a family or Some Person to inhabit & continue Inhabitaney there for three Yeares then Next coming—

That a convenient Meeting house be built in Said Township within Eight Yeares from this Date and ten Acres of Land Reserved there for Public Use, That the Lands in Said Township belonging to Grantors & Grantees be Subjected to have all Necessary Highways lay'd thrô y<sup>m</sup> as there Shall be Ocation for the future

That the Afores<sup>d</sup> Grantees their Heirs or Assignes by a Maj<sup>r</sup> Vote in public meeting called for that Purpose grant & assess in Eaqual Proportion such sum or sums of money as they shall think necessary for Carrying forward & Compleating the setlem<sup>t</sup> Afors<sup>d</sup> & every of the Grantees (Exclusive of the three Public Lotts) or his Assigne Who Shall Neglect for the space of sixty Days after Such Assessment Shall be granted to pay the Same so much of Such Delinq<sup>ts</sup> Right Shall & may be Sold as will pay the Respective Taxes and all Charges ariseing thereon, by a Com<sup>ee</sup> to be appointed by the Grantees or their Assignes for that purpose and In Case any of the Grantees or their assignes Shall Neglect or Refuse to perform any of the articles Matters or things Afores<sup>d</sup> by him Respectively to be don he Shall forfeit his Right in said Township & every part thereof to those of the grantees or their Imediate assignes who Shall have Complied with the Conditions on their part Herein Expressed as it Shall and may be Lawfull for them or any Person by their Authority to enter Into and upon the Right of Such Delinq<sup>t</sup> owners and any and every part in the Name and Behalf of the whole of the Grantees or their Imediate Assignes Who Shall Comply as afores<sup>d</sup> to amove oust and Expell for the Use of them their Heirs and Assignes provided they Settle or Cause to be Settled Each Such Delinq<sup>ts</sup> Right within the Term of one Year at the furthest from the Periods this is by this Instrument Stipulated to be Don as the Condition of this Grant and fully Comply with the Whole Duty Such Delinq<sup>t</sup> ought to have Don within one Year from time to time After the Respective periods thereof and In Case the Grantees or their assignes fullfilling on their parts as afore<sup>d</sup> Shall Neglect fullfilling as afores<sup>d</sup> the Duty of any Delinq<sup>t</sup> owner as afore<sup>d</sup> then Such Right or part Shall be forfeit Revert & Belong to the grantors their Heirs and Assignes and be Wholley at their Disposeal



allways provided there be no Indian War within any of the Terms afores<sup>d</sup> for Doing the Duty Conditioned in the Grant and in Case that Should Happen the Same Time to be allowed for the Respective matters afores<sup>d</sup> after Such Impidiment Shall be Removed

Lastly that all White pine trees fit for Masting his Majestys Royal Navy growing on s<sup>d</sup> Tract of Land be and Hereby are granted to his Majesty his Heirs and Successors forever to all Which Premises I Joseph Blanchard agent for and In Behalf of the prop<sup>rs</sup> the Grantors have here unto set my hand and seal this fourth Day of June in the Twenty Sxth Year of His Majestys Reign Annoq Domini 1753—

Joseph Blanchard [L. s.]

A True Coppy Examined

⌘ Robert Fletcher Proprietors Clerk

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[*Acceptance of Charter, 1753.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 7, p. 57.]

Att a meeting of the Prop<sup>rs</sup> (the Grantees) of the tract of Land or Township Called Dantzwick in the Province of New Hampshire held at Dunstable the twelfth day of July—1753—

The following vote passed Unanimously—

Whereas the Prop<sup>rs</sup> of Lands in the Province of New Hampshire purchased by them of John Tufton Mason Esq who Sold them under the title made by a Comon recovery did on the fourth day of June 1753 Grant the Quantity of twenty three thousand & forty acres (by Estimation part of S<sup>d</sup> Lands Bounded as followeth Begining at the Southwesterly Corner of the Premises on the Western line of Masons Patent as Lately run forty Six miles and a Quarter northwardly in the Course of the Patent line from the Northern Boundary of the massachusetts from thence runing South Sixty five degrees east Six miles And an half to a tree marked from thence north forty two deg<sup>ees</sup> East three miles And three Quarters to a tree marked from thence north forty Six deg<sup>s</sup> east two miles and a Quarter to a tree marked from thence north Sixty five dg<sup>s</sup> west Six miles And An half to the S<sup>d</sup> Patent line from thence by the S<sup>d</sup> Patent line to the first Bounds mentioned Which tract of Land or Township is Called Dantzwick. Unto James Minot Jun<sup>r</sup> Jabez Hatch John Martin Welfrett Fisher Thomas Down Jun<sup>r</sup> Eben<sup>r</sup> Stevens Benj<sup>a</sup> Stevens Hugh Sunderlin John Melledy James Bulkley John Denney Thomas Hake John Haskins Robert Erskins John Wardwell Samuel Adams Joseph Adams Joseph Elson Benjamin White John Hill Jun<sup>r</sup> William Hill Henry

Maxwell Hill John Fowle Jun<sup>r</sup> James Fowle Jun<sup>r</sup> Josiah Fowle Leonard Towle Jerrymiah Gridley Esq John Fowle John Hill Esq<sup>s</sup> Isaac Colburn William Cox Jonathan Butterfield Charles Cox Oliver Colburn William Eayres Benj<sup>a</sup> Farwell William Harris Jonathan Farwell Benjamin Tompson Sam<sup>l</sup> Searles Eleazer Farwell Samuel Huston Phillip Olerick Joseph Peirce William Parker Jun<sup>r</sup> Caleb Page Edward Russell Thomas Parker Jun<sup>r</sup> & Abiel Richardson under Certain Conditions Limitations & Reservations in S<sup>d</sup> Grant mentioned As by Refference thereto will fully Appear Therefore voted—

That wee do hereby Accept S<sup>d</sup> Title And for our Selves our Heirs And assigns do acknowledge that we hold said lands under Said Title Conditions & Limitations with the Reservations Therein Mentioned—

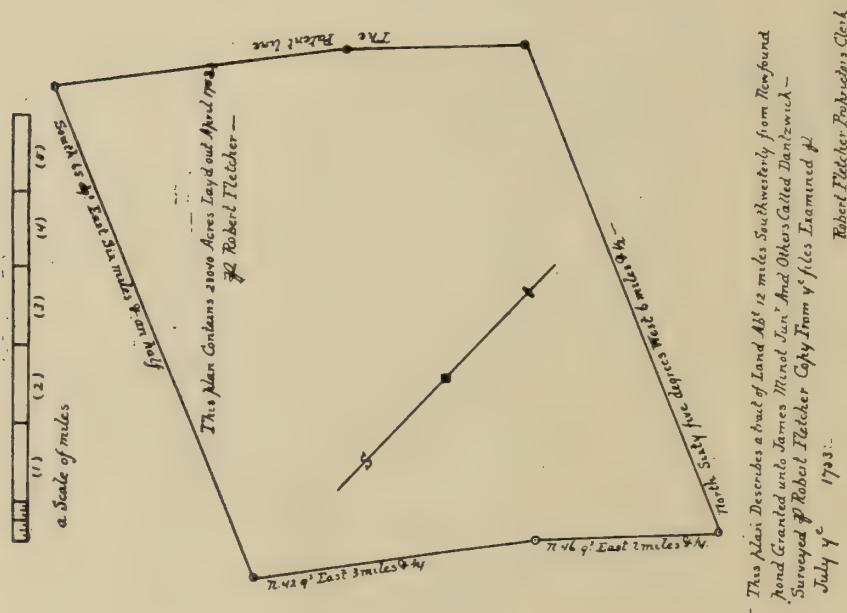
Extract from y<sup>e</sup> votes Exam<sup>d</sup>

⌘ J Blanchard Mod<sup>r</sup>

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Robert Fletcher Proprietors Clerk—

[*Plan of Dantzic, 1753.*]



[*Charter of Hereford, Aug. 7, 1754.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 7, p. 58.]

Province of } Pursuant to the Power And Authority Granted  
New Hamp<sup>r</sup> } And vested in me by the Prop<sup>rs</sup> of Lands purchased  
of John Tufton Mason Esq in the Province of New Hampshire by  
their vote pass'd at their meeting held at Ports<sup>o</sup> the Sixth day of  
December 1751—



I do by these presents on the terms Conditions & Limitations with the Reservations herein After Express'd Give And Grant all the Right title property & possession of the prop<sup>rs</sup> afores<sup>d</sup> in the following proportions of Interest viz<sup>t</sup> unto Robert Jenkins of Boston Merchant One full Sixth & One full twelfth part Unto Jeremiah Gridley Esq One full Sixth part & unto M<sup>r</sup> Henry Price One full Sixth part, both of Boston afores<sup>d</sup> & unto M<sup>r</sup> Robert Fletcher Jun<sup>r</sup> of Dunstable One Sixth part & unto Capt Peter Prescott of Concord One full Sixth & One full twenty fifth part & to Benjamin Hatch & James Hatch both of Boston One fiftheth part each Of in And to that tract of Land Lying in the Province of New Hamp<sup>r</sup> afores<sup>d</sup> Containing by Estimation twenty four Thousand Acres be it more or less Bounded as followeth—Begining at the Southwesterly Corner of a tract of Land Called Dantzick the western line of Masons Patent As lately run forty Six miles And a quarter in the Course of the S<sup>d</sup> Patent line, Northerly from the northern Boundary of the Massachusetts And Runs from thence in the Southerly line of Dantzick afores<sup>d</sup> South Sixty five degrees East untill it Intersects a line of that tract of Land Called Perrys town And from thence by s<sup>d</sup> Perrys town<sup>s</sup> Westerly bounds till it Comes to the Southwesterly Corner thereof, And from thence South five And An half Degrees East two miles And An half to a Beech tree marked from thence South Eighty four and an Half degrees west About one mile And three quarters to the Northeasterly Corner of that tract of Land Called New Concord (or Manad<sup>k</sup> N<sup>o</sup> 8), and from thence westerly by the Northern line of the S<sup>d</sup> New Concord to the Northwesterly Corner thereof in the Afores<sup>d</sup> Patent line And from thence runing northerly in the Afores<sup>d</sup> Patent line to the first Bounds mentioned which S<sup>d</sup> tract of Land is & hence forward Shall be Called Hereford, To Have and To Hold to the afore named Grantees their Heirs and Assigns According their Severall And Respective Interests as afore Specified, On the following terms and Conditions with the Reservations herein After express'd viz<sup>t</sup>—

That There be One Hundred And twenty three lotts Lay'd out in s<sup>d</sup> tract of As Equall vallue as may be Situation And Goodness of Land Considered none to be less than Thirty Acres nor none more than fifty in the most Convenient place within the S<sup>d</sup> tract for making Settlement of a town, And drawn for in Some Open Equitable manner Att or before the last day of August 1756—

That the Remainder of S<sup>d</sup> tract (Exclusive of the Barron Mountains which is Supposed to be About Five Thousand Acres) be Divided in the most Equitable Manner they Can into One Hundred And Twenty three Shares of Equal vallue As near as may be and

Drawn for in manner As afores<sup>d</sup> within One Year at Furthest next After ten men Shall be Settled & Inhabit On S<sup>d</sup> tract—

That the Remaining part of s<sup>d</sup> tract in like manner be Divided & Drawn for when the s<sup>d</sup> Grantors & Grantees by majority of votes According to Interest Shall Determin —

That three of the Afores<sup>d</sup> Shares be And hereby Are Granted free from Charge One for the first Settled minister One for the Ministry And One for the School there forever —

That twenty More of the S<sup>d</sup> Shares Accounting An Hundred and Twenty Third part to a Share be Reserved to and for the Grantors their Heirs And Assigns forever And Acquitted from all duty and Charge untill Improved by the Owners or Some holding under them Respectively —

That the Afores<sup>d</sup> Jeremiah Gridley Henry Price & Robert Fletcher make five Settlements each, every of which Settlement on One Separate lott of the first to be lay'd Out as afores<sup>d</sup> Respectively & in like manner That Cap<sup>t</sup> Peter Prescott make four Settlements Benj<sup>a</sup> Hatch & James Hatch Two Settlements each & Robert Jenkins Seven Settlements in the following manner.— viz<sup>t</sup> that at or before the expiration of five years from the date hereof they Respectively on Each lott where each Such Settlement is to be made have three Acres Clered Inclosed And fitted for mowing or tillage three Acres more then next Annually Clered Inclosed & fitted for mowing or tillage as afores<sup>d</sup> for three years then next — And That at the end of three Years and four months from the first Period of Improvements which will be on the Seventh day of December 1762 they have On Each Such Settlement a Dwelling house fitted and finished for Comfortable Dwelling in And a family or Some person Inhabit & Continue Inhabitaney there for three Years then next Coming —

Also that Jeremiah Gridley Henry Price Robert Fletcher & Peter Prescott make two Settlements more Each in Manner afores<sup>d</sup> to be Compleated And finished at or before the first day of December 1766 —And That the S<sup>d</sup> Robert Jenkins at the Same period & in like Manner have three more Settlements Compleated & finished which Settlements Severally to be made on One lot Respectively

That a Convenient Meeting house be built in the most Convenient place, for the first Settlers, On S<sup>d</sup> tract within Eight Years from this date & finished & ten Acres of Land Reserved there for publick Use —

That the afores<sup>d</sup> Grantees their Heirs or assigns by a major vote Grant And Assess Such further Sum or Sums of money as they Shall Think necessary for Carrying forward And Compleating the Settlement Afores<sup>d</sup> & every of the Grantees (exclusive of the



three publick lotts) or his Assignee who Shall neglect for the Space of Sixty days after Such Tax Shall be granted to pay his Respective Proportion Therein so much of Such Delinquents Right or Share Shall & may be Sold as will pay the Respective taxes And all Charges Ariseing Thereon by a Com'itte to be Appointed by the Grantees or their Assignees for that purpose

And in Case the Grantees or Any of their Assignees Shall neglect or Refuse to Perform Any of the Articles matters & Things afores<sup>d</sup> by him Respectively to be done he Shall forfeit his Right & part in S<sup>d</sup> Township to those of the Grantees or those of their Imediate Assignees who Shall not be Delinquent on their parts, And it Shall And may be Lawfull for them or Any person or Persons by Their Authority to Enter into And upon the Right of Such Delinquent Owner And Any & every part thereof & him or them to Amove Oust & expell for their use their heirs & Assigns Provided they Settle or Cause to be Settled & Comply with the whole duty Such Delinquent Owner Ought to have done within the term of One Year at the Furthest from the Severall Periods that is by this Instrument Stipulated to be done as the Condition of this grant —

And in case the Grantees or their Assignees fullfilling On Their parts as afores<sup>d</sup> Shall neglect fullfilling the Duty of any Delinquent Owner as afores<sup>d</sup> that then all Such Right and Interest part and parts That Such Delinquent grantee and his Assigns hold or might hold in consequence of this grant Shall be forfeit Revert and belong to the Grantors their Heirs and Assigns and be wholly at Their disposall

Always Provided there be no Indian war within Any of The Terms afores<sup>d</sup> for doing the duty conditioned in this grant & in Case that Should Happen the Same time to be Allowed for the Respective Matters afores<sup>d</sup> after Such Impediment Shall be Removed —

Lastly That all White pine trees fit for masting his Majestys Royall Navy Growing On Said tract of Land be and hereby are Granted to his Majesty his Heirs And Successors forever —

To all Which Premises I Joseph Blanchard for and in behalf of the Prop<sup>rs</sup> the Grantors have hereunto Sett my hand & Seal this Seventh day of August in the twenty eighth Year of his Majestys Reign A D. 1754 —

Memorandum before Signing and Executing this Instrument Any thing beforewritten to the Contrary Notwithstanding—it is to be understood — That, That tract of Land aforementioned Called Dantzick is Supposed to lap and Interfere with that tract Called Perrys town And the true Intent And design of the Grantors is, that the Prop<sup>rs</sup> of Dantzick Should hold & Enjoy the Same quantity as is

by their grant Sett forth & if prejudiced or Eluded by Any Prior Grant, to be Recompenſed with Equall Quantity of Land On their Southerly line Bounding Easterly On Perrys Town Westerly on y<sup>e</sup> Patent line And Southerly by a parell line with the Southerly line of Dantzick Including Such quantity by that line And there being Only Perrys town that Interferes, therefore Within the Bounds Specified in this grant is Reserved to the Order & Direction of the Grantors in the form afores<sup>d</sup> so much Land as the S<sup>d</sup> Dantzick Interferes or Lap's on S<sup>d</sup> Perrys town Accordingly —

Signed Sealed & Deliv<sup>d</sup>

Joseph Blanchard

{ L. S. }

In presence of

Tempel Kendall

David Aadames

A True Copy Examined by

Peter Prescott Prop<sup>rs</sup> Clerk

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[*Acceptance of Charter, 1754.*]

[*Masonian Papers, Vol. 7, p. 59.*]

Whereas Joseph Blanchard Esq<sup>r</sup> as agent for & in Behalf of y<sup>e</sup> Prop<sup>rs</sup> of the Lands Laying in the Province of New Hampshire, Purchased by them of John Tufton Mason Esq<sup>r</sup> Who Sold them under the Title Made by a Common Recovery Did on y<sup>e</sup> Seventh Day of August 1754 Grant the Quantity of Twenty four Thousand Acres Bounded as Followeth Begining at y<sup>e</sup> Southwest Corner of a Tract of Land Called Danzick on y<sup>e</sup> Western Line of Masons Pattent as Lately Run Forty Six Miles and a Quarter in y<sup>e</sup> Course of y<sup>e</sup> Said Pattent Line Northerly from the Northern Bounderys of y<sup>e</sup> Massachusets and runs from thence on the Southerly Line of Danzick afores<sup>d</sup> South Sixty five Degrees East untill it Intersects a Line of that Tract of Land Called Perrys Town and from thence by Said Perrys Town Westerly Bounds Till it comes to y<sup>e</sup> Southwesterly Corner thereof and from thence South five and an half Degrees East two Miles and an half to a Beach Tree, from thence South Eighty four and an half degrees West about one Mile and three Quarters to the Northeast Corner of that Tract of Land Called New Concord or Monadnock N<sup>o</sup> Eight and from thence Westerly by<sup>e</sup> Northern Line of y<sup>e</sup> aforesaid New Concord to y<sup>e</sup> Northwestwardly Corner thereof in y<sup>e</sup> aforesaid Pattent Line and from thence runing Northerly by y<sup>e</sup> Said Pattent Line to y<sup>e</sup> first Bounds Mentioned



under Certain Conditions, Limetations & Reservations in S<sup>d</sup> Grant mention'd as by S<sup>d</sup> Grant Refference thereto will fully appear unto Rob<sup>t</sup> Jenkins Jeremiah Gridley Esq<sup>r</sup> Henery Price, Robert Fletcher Ju<sup>r</sup> Peter Prescott, Benjamin Hatch & James Hatch.—

Therefore unanimously Voted that we do hereby accept Said Title and for our Selves our Heirs And assigns Do Acknowledge that we do hold Said Lands under Said Title Conditions and Limetations with the Reservations therein Mentioned Extract from the Votes of the Prop<sup>rs</sup> of y<sup>e</sup> Township Called Hereford at their Meeting August y<sup>e</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> 1754 —

Copy Examined p<sup>r</sup>

Peter Prescott Prop<sup>rs</sup> Cle<sup>r</sup>

This certifies that Cap<sup>t</sup> Peter Prescott after his choice to y<sup>e</sup> office of Prop<sup>rs</sup> Clerk in y<sup>e</sup> Propriety of y<sup>e</sup> Township of Hereford was Sworn to y<sup>e</sup> faithfull Discharge of that Trust —

Before Joseph Blanchard J<sup>s</sup> p<sup>s</sup>

Copy Examin<sup>d</sup> P<sup>r</sup>

Peter Prescott p<sup>rs</sup> Cle<sup>r</sup>

[*Petition of Grantees of Hereford, 1768.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 7, p. 60.]

To the Hon<sup>ble</sup> the Proprietors of Mason's Patent

The Memorial of Henry Price Esq<sup>r</sup> On behalf of himself & Associates Humbly Shews

That some time in the Year 1755 Your Memorialists obt<sup>d</sup> a Grant under said Patent of a Township in Menadnoc N<sup>o</sup> 9. known by the name of Hereford under certain Limitations & reservations which by reason of the War in the first part of the time, & the Inaccessibility of Roads in the Latter Your Memorialists have not hitherto been able to comply with, and conclude the said Grant forfeited.

That inasmuch as (notwithstanding the premises) Your Memorialist & associates have been at great Expence in laying out & Surveying to the Amount of £50. lawful, And as Your Memorialists are now extreamly desirous to settle the same Township according to Charter & have it fully in their Power (with Your Honours leave) now so to do

They pray a Confirmation of the same Grant, And shall Ever pray &c

Portsmouth  
24<sup>th</sup> March 1768.

Henry Price  
Rob<sup>t</sup> Jenkins  
for Selves & Associates

[*Petition for Grant.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 7, p. 61.]

Province of } To the Honourable the Purchasers of the Claim  
 New Hampshire } of John Tufton Mason Esq<sup>r</sup> in New Hampshire.—

We the Subscribers Inhabitants of the Town of Merrymac in said Province having a great mind to promote the Settlement, Cultivation, and Improvement, of the Land that Lyes unimproved in said Province belonging to your Honours, We do Humbly request your Honours to grant us a Certain Tract of Land lying North from Hillsborough about Fifteen or Twenty Miles near a Pond called Sanapy Pond which Tract of Land lyes Invironed in with Mountains on every side, and is near Fifteen Miles from any Settlements and has hitherto been Esteemed of Little Value, which we presume is the reason it has not yet been petitioned for or granted.

But we think that if your Honors would be so kind as to grant us a Tract of Land there Containing Six Miles Square it will be a Means of Promoting and Improveing the uncultivated Lands in Said Province and we hope of no Disadvantage to your Honours—Your Petitioners in Duty bound will ever Pray.—

Merrimack Octo<sup>r</sup> 21<sup>st</sup> 1768.

John Neal	Benj <sup>a</sup> Goold	Willi <sup>m</sup> Patten
Benj <sup>a</sup> Hassell	Solomon Hutchinson	Abner Hutchinson
Henry Parkinson	W <sup>m</sup> Usher	William Patten juner
Elezer Usher	James Cochran	John m <sup>c</sup> Clenche
Joseph McClenche	John Patten	David Hubbard
Tho <sup>s</sup> Clark	Timothy Clark	James Underwood
Willam melven	John Stearns	John Combs
Jesse Willson	James Clark	Abel Hassall
Andrew Shannon	Jonathan willson	Jacob willson
thomas Gillis	William Howard	Alexander Orr
John Alld	Eben <sup>r</sup> Hill	Amos Truel
Timothy Taylor	David Ttruel	John taggard
thomas mCluer	George Lancey	Thomas Cowan
Robert Usher	Hugh gillis	daniel Stearns
Harris Ellery Fudger	Ebenezer Parker	William Thompson
John Thompson	Samuel Spaulding	James Taylor
Will <sup>m</sup> Gibson	William Neal	



[*Another Petition for Grant, 1769.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 7, p. 61.]

Province of            { To the Honourable the Purchasers of the  
New Hampshire       { Claim of John Tufton Mason Esq<sup>r</sup> in said Prov-  
ince

We the Subscribers Humbly request your Honours would be so good as to Grant us a Tract of Land bounded Southerly by Hillsborough & Campden Westerly by the Curve line, Northerly by Sanapy Pond (so Called) and Easterly by Perrys Town (so Called) & New Bradford (so Called) being a Gore of Land left there, which piece of Land we Humbly Request your Honours would be so good as to Grant to us as it will be a means of forwarding the Settlement of your Land in this Province and we hope Beneficial to us — Your Petitioners in Duty Bound will ever Pray —

Merrymack March 6<sup>th</sup> 1769

John Neal	Willom Patten	William Alld
James Alld	John alld	Harris Ellery Fudger
Henry Parkinson	James Underwood	Elezer Usher
John Combs	Jacob Willson	Jesse Willson
Jonathan Willson	John Patten	George Lancey
William Patten Juner	David trwl	Solomon Hutchinson
Abner Hutchinson	Thomas Clark	William Neal
Daniel Stearns	willam mcluer J <sup>r</sup>	Thomas Cowan
Ephraim Hildrith	John taggart	Ebenezer Hills
John Stearns	William Usher	James Taylor
W <sup>m</sup> Gibson	Ebenezer Parker	Thomas M <sup>c</sup> Cluer
John M <sup>c</sup> Clenche	Joseph M <sup>c</sup> Clenche	Robert Usher
James Cochran	Timothy Clarke	John Quigely
William Thompson	William Howard	Samuel Spaulding
Francis Dimon	Eliph <sup>t</sup> Neal	James Clark
John Goffe	Amos Truel	william mitchel
Thomas Mitchell	James Nichols	Jon <sup>a</sup> Moulton
	W <sup>m</sup> M <sup>c</sup> Cluer	

[*Plan and Petition for Grant, 1769.*]Wyseman Clagett Esq<sup>r</sup> Sir

Please to inform the Purchasers of the Claim of John Tufton Mason Esq<sup>r</sup> that there was a Petition Lodg'd in the Office of George Jaffery Esq<sup>r</sup> for a Tract of Land Lying North of Hillsborough (about

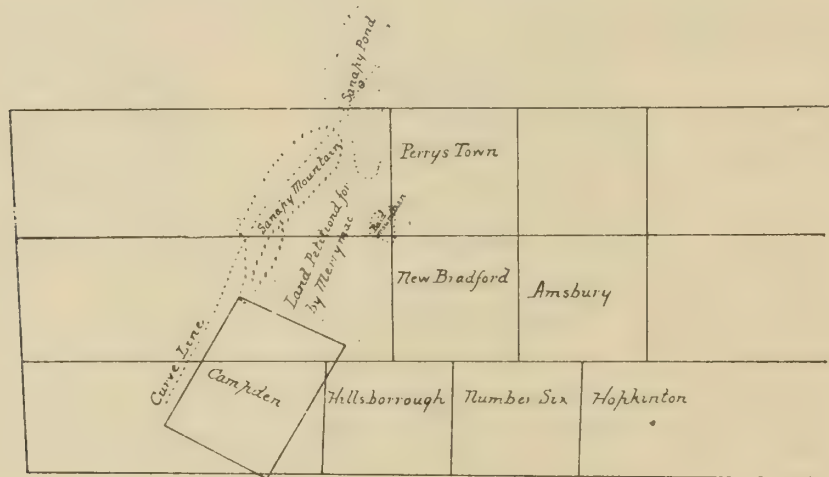
Three Months past) which Petition was Sign'd by the Inhabitants of Merrymac, and they were afterwards informed that a Township lying thereabouts was Promised to Matthew Thornton and Stephen Holland Esq<sup>rs</sup> The said Petitioners were afterwards to the Cost of sending up three Persons and Viewing the Township which the said Thornton & Holland had Run Round & Spotted, & found that there was near Land enough left between that Tract & the Curve Line to make a Township, which the said Petitioners would be very glad to Obtain, and we the Subscribers in Behalf of said Petitioners would be much Obliged to you if you'l be so good as to Present our Petition to their Honours and pray them to Grant said Tract to us

We are with due Regard Your Very Humble Serv<sup>ts</sup>

Portsm<sup>o</sup> March 11<sup>th</sup> 1769

John Neal  
John Quigely

To meet on Wednesday—



[Vote of Masonian Proprietors, 1770.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 7, p. 62.]

At a Meeting of y<sup>e</sup> Proprietors of y<sup>e</sup> Lands purchased of Jn<sup>o</sup> Tufton Mason Esq<sup>ur</sup> in New Hampsh<sup>r</sup> Convened at y<sup>e</sup> Request of Maj<sup>r</sup> Ezek<sup>l</sup> Price at Portsm<sup>o</sup> on Fryday y<sup>e</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> day of June 1770—

In Conference on y<sup>e</sup> Subject of a grant of y<sup>e</sup> forfeited Tract of land formerly granted by y<sup>e</sup> name of Hereford — It was concluded that maj<sup>r</sup> Price at his own Expense get a true Plan made by actual Survey by a Skillfull Surveyor of s<sup>d</sup> Hereford by y<sup>e</sup> bounds as expressed in y<sup>e</sup> former grant, and describing in y<sup>e</sup> Plan the large Rivers Ponds, and



large mountains not fit for any proportionable Lot or share in S<sup>d</sup> Tracts and to have y<sup>e</sup> lines on any other Town granted described and to have y<sup>e</sup> whole laid out into five hundred Acre Lots as equally laid out as may be with a Suitable Reservation for y<sup>e</sup> first minister—and for y<sup>e</sup> ministry, and for a School for a meeting House Training Field burying Ground &c and to have a particular description of y<sup>e</sup> whole express'd in y<sup>e</sup> Plan—and y<sup>e</sup> Same to be perform'd & Returned to Said Proprietors by y<sup>e</sup> 20<sup>th</sup> day of September next

attest Geo: Jaffrey Cl<sup>e</sup>

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[*Henry Price to George Jaffrey, 1770.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 7, p. 63.]

Boston Sep<sup>br</sup> 10 : 1770

Sir/ As the Orders I Rec<sup>d</sup> of your Honour Was to Return a Survoy of Hereford by the 20th of this Instant I aplyed to M<sup>r</sup> Robert Fletcher in time but hea Was Soe Ingadged in Beiesness that hea Could Not Attend tell the Begining of October I Considered Noe Survoyer Can Doe that Perticular Work Soe Well as hea I have a Mind to be very Correct in the Watter as Well as the Lime of perrys town Soe I hope by the time hea is redy the Leaves Will fall and the town Will be Better Laid Out and the Rode Better Made for Pasing Nothing Shall be Wanting on My Part to Give the Lords proprioters the best Discovery I Can of the Lands thare abouts in the Mean Wheile Gentlemen I Remeain your Obediant Hum<sup>ble</sup> Sar<sup>t</sup>

Henry Price

N: B: My Compliment to your Lady Wee Seem to have a Deall of News its Said Our Cassell is in the Kings hand and Our Charter is Not Much Better then Gon all the Men of Warr from Hallafax are Coming to Boston With the troops

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[*Henry Price to George Jaffrey, 1770.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 7, p. 64.]

Boston Nov<sup>br</sup> 19 : 1770

Sir/ I have Wrote to you by M<sup>r</sup> John Wendell of Ports Mouth Concerning the Setteling of Hereford Which I Should be glad to be Laid before the proprier the Only Way is to Intrest M<sup>r</sup> Wendell on this

Side the pattern Line Which May bring him to a trew way of thinking it Was Col<sup>o</sup> Lutchwich opinnion When I went up With him Mr Wendell Will Inform the Lords proprieters More of Our Convertation More plain then I Can Right Soe I Rest the Whole With you and Sir Remeain your Most Obediant Hum<sup>bl</sup> Sar<sup>t</sup> allways to Comand—

Henry Price

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[*Henry Price to Proprietors, 1770.*]

[*Masonian Papers, Vol. 7, p. 65.*]

Boston Nov<sup>m</sup> 19 1770

Gent<sup>ll</sup>—

I wrote y<sup>r</sup> Hon<sup>rs</sup> some time Agoe That I would proceed to Herri-ford to lay Out &c When Mr Flecher could Attend who promiss me y<sup>e</sup> Second week in Octo<sup>r</sup>—I left word At his house for him to Send me word to Col<sup>n</sup> Lutwich<sup>s</sup> what time he could Attend bute when I got thare could Not hear Any Acc<sup>te</sup> of him: Nor Since: Only that he could Not Attend at all: I find y<sup>e</sup> Committee had Agread with a Man to Clear y<sup>e</sup> Roads through Herriford: As I belive thare Duty So to doe

Mr John Wendell of Port<sup>m</sup> will take Care to pay the Men for Clearing y<sup>e</sup> roads & See y<sup>e</sup> Town lay<sup>d</sup> Out & A proper plane Exhibeted to y<sup>e</sup> Proprietors Accordeng to y<sup>e</sup> Instructions Given Me & he will give in bond for that performance: If A Charter Can be given him & Me:—As he is better Acquained with y<sup>e</sup> people on that part of y<sup>e</sup> Country then I Can possable be: So y<sup>e</sup> town may Soon be Settled by him & Me So Reffar y<sup>e</sup> Whole to y<sup>r</sup> Hon<sup>rs</sup> Judgment: & think with my Own to be the best for all partys Conseirnd So Conclude with y<sup>r</sup> Com<sup>ds</sup> & remain

Gent<sup>m</sup> Y<sup>r</sup> Most Obed<sup>t</sup> hum<sup>l</sup> Ser<sup>t</sup>

Henry Price

To y<sup>e</sup> Hon<sup>r</sup> y<sup>e</sup> Proprietors of Masson Clame In New Hamp<sup>r</sup>

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[*Petition of Jonas Minot, 1771.*]

[*Masonian Papers, Vol. 7, p. 66.*]

To the Hon<sup>ble</sup> Theodore Atkinson Esq<sup>r</sup> and others Proprietors of Mason's Patent so called—



The humble Petition of Jonas Minot of Concord in the County of Middle<sup>x</sup> & Prov<sup>e</sup> of the Massachusetts Bay for himself & in Behalf of others—

Praying the Grant of a Township of Land within said Patent commonly called Hereford upon the Curve Line, which Town he would take upon Conditions as advantageous to the Grantors as any heretofore granted, and will engage to fulfil said Conditions on his Part—

Portsm<sup>o</sup> June 24<sup>th</sup> 1771

Jonas Minott

[*Petition of John Fisher, 1771.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 7, p. 67.]

To the Hon<sup>ble</sup> Theodore Atkinson Esq<sup>r</sup> and the other Gentlemen Purchasers of Masons Patent the Petition of John Fisher sheweth

That being some time since informed that the Township of Herford within the said Patent was forfeited by the former Grantees for default of performing the Conditions of the Grant but that a Promise had been made to the said Grantees Price & Jenkins of a Regrant of the said Town—That your Petitioner on the strength of that Promise have been and still is in Treaty with the said Grantees for their Claim for that Town—Your Petitioner therefore prays that your Honors will grant to him and his Associates the said Township, and he is ready to enter into any securities for the immediate settlement of the said Town and for the fulfilling of such Terms as Your Honors shall think fit

and your Petitioner shall ever pray &<sup>c</sup>

Portsm<sup>o</sup> 24<sup>th</sup> June 1771.

J Fisher

[*Charter of Fishersfield, 1772.*]

[Masonian Proprietors' Records, Feb. 5, 1772.]

Voted that there be and hereby is granted (on the Terms Conditions and Limitations herein after declared) unto John Fisher of Salem in the County of Essex and Province of the Massachusetts Bay Esq<sup>r</sup> all the Right, Title, Interest, Claim Property and Demand of Said Proprietors in and unto a certain Tract of Land in said Province, now known by the name of Fishersfield, twenty two thousand Acres more or less bounded as follow's viz<sup>t</sup> Begining at a Beach Tree marked

Standing in the Curve line of Mason's Patent so called, thence running South eighty degrees east Seven miles and one hundred and forty four Rods to a Beach tree marked, thence north thirty degrees east one mile and a half to Parry's town South line so called, from thence South eighty five degrees West Sixty Rods to a white Oak tree the South West corner of Parry's Town thence north Sixteen degrees West on Said Parrystown line Six miles and two hundred and forty Six rods to a beach tree the north west Corner of Parrys town, then West one mile and one hundred rods to Sunnapée Pond and to meet the Curve line in the Pond, thence Southerly on Said line to the west Side of Said pond, thence Six miles and one half to the first mentioned bounds on Said Curve line—To Have and to Hold the Said Granted and Bargained Premises with all the Privileges and Appurtenances to him the Said John Fisher his Heirs and assigns to his and their proper use benefit and behoof on the following Terms and Conditions and on no other viz<sup>t</sup> That one Third of the Said Tract of Land be reserved and appropriated to the use of the Said Proprietors the Grantors in these Presents exempted freed and discharged of and from any and all Charge of Settlement viz<sup>t</sup> towards laying out making repairing and rendering passable any publick roads or high Ways in Said Township or any publick Buildings that shall be necessary and made or erected and built in Said Township untill the Same shall be improved by the Owners of the parts so reserved or sold by them, or in proportion to the Quantity which shall be sold or improved, which Privilege of Exemption shall extend to all kind of Charges and Expences that shall arise in and about the Settling said Tract of land from the beginning to the perfect Completion thereof—That the said Reservation be laid out in three equal Divisions one on each of the longest Sides of Said Tract of Land and each Division to be severed into five equal Shares or Lotts by visible metes and Bounds, and these Lotts are to be numbered one two and so on to fifteen inclusively which are to be mark'd number'd and delineated on a Plan by the grantee returned to the Grantors within twelve months from the date of this Vote the Appropriation of each Lott to y<sup>e</sup> respective Owner be drawn for as usual—That there be High ways laid out and cleared to each of said Lotts from the main publick Road or high Way in Said Township for the Conveniency of the Owner of each of Said Lotts—That twenty five Families be Settled on Said Tract of land each to have a dwelling house and resident on the Same each Family to have at least three acres of land cleared fenced and fitted for mowing or Tillage within three years from the fifteenth day of May next ensuing The date hereof—That two hundred Acres be laid out and granted to the first Minister of the Gospel who shall Settle and con-



tinue there during his life, unless the Inhabitants and he shall other-ways agree, and two hundred Acres more for the use of the Ministry or as a Glebe or Parsonage forever, and a Convenient Spot be assigned and left for building an House for the publick Worship of God and that a Suitable one be built in three years from the date of this Grant—That there be a Lot of Land of two hundred Acres laid out and appropriated to and for the use of a publick school for ever, and a Lot of ten Acres of Land be laid out and left for the use of a Train Field and other publick Uses—

That the main or principal road or high Ways through the Township be laid out four rods wide and the Cross roads or high Ways two rods where Such Ways shall be necessary and convenient for the Inhabitants—and lastly that in case of failure or default of Complying with and Performance of the Articles Matters and things above-mentioned to be done by the Grantee in these Presents the said Tract of Land shall be forfeited and revert to the Grantors, and it shall be lawfull for them or any of them in behalf of the rest or any one whom they shall order to reenter into the Premises without Suit and to be again Seized in their aforesaid Right as if these Presents had not been granted and made and it shall be lawfull for the Grantors their Agents or Attorney or attorneys to enter into and upon said Premises before the Expiration of Said Term to examine and See whether the Terms aforesaid are like to be fulfilled Seasonably—The Grantors also reserve all white pine trees fit for His Majesty's use growing on the Premises according to the Statutes in that Case provided—

Lastly the Grantors do hereby promise and engage to the Grantee aforesaid, to defend him his Heirs and assigns, against all and every Action and law Suit, that shall be prosecuted, moved, and Stirred against him or them, by any Person or persons whomsoever, claiming the said land or any part thereof, by any other title than the title of the Grantors aforesaid, or that from whence their's is derived, with this Condition and Limitation, that in Case the Said Grantee his Heirs or assigns be ejected and ousted by any Such Right or Title, that then they shall recover nothing of and from the Grantors aforesaid their Heirs Executors or Administrators, for the land or any part thereof, hereby granted nor for any labour or Expence whatsoever which they have been or shall be at in consequence of this Grant—

[*Reserved Lots, 1774.*]

[Masonian Proprietors' Records, Vol. 4, p. 12.]

Province of } Portsmouth April 20<sup>th</sup> 1774 Wednesday five of the  
 New Hampsh<sup>r</sup> } Clock Afternoon The Proprietors meet according  
 to adjournment

Voted That the Proprietors the Grantors Lots reserved in Fishers-  
 field be now drawn for to each of the Grantor's Rights, and being  
 entered, as drawn to each Respective Proprietors Right Shall be a  
 Severance thereof, to them their heirs and Assigns: as represented in  
 the Plan returned by John Fisher Esq<sup>r</sup>, drawn by Zeph: Clark Sur-  
 vey<sup>r</sup>

The Lots were drawn for as follow's—viz<sup>t</sup>

1 <sup>st</sup>	Mary Moore & Dan <sup>l</sup> Peirce	.	.	.	.	N <sup>o</sup> 2
2 <sup>d</sup>	Thomas Wallingford Esq <sup>r</sup>	.	.	.	.	N <sup>o</sup> 8
3 <sup>d</sup>	John Rindge	.	.	.	.	6
4 <sup>th</sup>	Richard Wibird Esq <sup>r</sup>	.	.	.	.	9
5	John Moffatt Esq <sup>r</sup>	.	.	.	.	5
6 <sup>th</sup>	Joshua Peirce Esq <sup>r</sup>	.	.	.	.	10
7 <sup>th</sup>	Solly & March	.	.	.	.	12
8 <sup>th</sup>	Mark Hunk <sup>s</sup> Wentworth Esq <sup>r</sup>	.	.	.	.	13
9	Jotham Odiorne Esq <sup>r</sup>	.	.	.	.	15
10 <sup>th</sup>	Blanchard Meserve & C <sup>o</sup>	.	.	.	.	3
11 <sup>th</sup>	Theodore Atkinson Esq <sup>r</sup>	.	.	.	.	14
12 <sup>th</sup>	Thomas Packer Esq <sup>r</sup>	.	.	.	.	1
13 <sup>th</sup>	John Wentworth Esq <sup>r</sup>	.	.	.	.	11
14	George Jaffrey Esq <sup>r</sup>	.	.	.	.	4
15 <sup>th</sup>	Mason & Thomlinson	.	.	.	.	7

[*John Peirce's Bond, 1801.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 7, p. 68.]

I hereby Agree to sell and Convey to Benjamin Cook of Haverhill  
 Massachusetts and William Ayres Jun<sup>r</sup> of Bradford in the County of  
 Hillsborough all that lot of Land Number Eleven on the original  
 south line of Fishersfield Containing two hundred Acres more or less  
 as surveyed & laid out by Col<sup>o</sup> Henry Gerrish, whether it lay in  
 Bradford or Fishersfield or partly in both the said Cook to have one  
 hundred & fifty Acres and said Ayres Fifty Acres, the whole Lot for  
 the Consideration of Twelve hundred Dollars, one third to be paid at  
 or before the last day of November Next and one third thereof in two









[Plan of Newbury.]







# A Plan of the town of FISHERSFIELD

in the State of New Hampshire, laid down by  
*Allen Willey*  
 1809. Surveyor:  
*Woodill*

Goshen East Line & Bradford North line is described on the plan, that part East and South of the double line of black and Red is called Gerrish Survey. The other part Clarke. these Lots Numbered with red ink are Acres of Land not originally Lotted; these Lots Marked J.P. Lands belonging to John Pierce Esq. these lines double dotted are Public Roads

Scale 100 Equal Parts to an Inch



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Years and the Other third in three Years, with Interest on the whole annually until paid for all which sum the said Cook & Ayres have this day given me their several Notes of this date

Now I promise on their making me the first payment aforesaid I will at or before that day give them a good & Lawful Deed for the premises taking a mortgage Deed from them for the same Land as security for the balance, or any other security to my compleat satisfaction—

And I hereby bind my self my heirs Exec<sup>rs</sup> & Administrators in the penal sum of Two thousand Dollars to keep and perform this agreement—Portsmouth March 7, 1801

Witness

John Peirce

J Tilton Slade

[Endorsed] Deed Given Mary Ayer May 27, 1802

[*John Peirce to Mary Ayres, 1802.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 7, p. 69.]

Portsmouth March 6, 1802

Madam

Your son M<sup>r</sup> Benj<sup>a</sup> Cook agreed to purchase from me a Tract of Land in Bradford or Fishersfield agreeably to my Bond dated May 7, 1801 in which M<sup>r</sup> William Ayres Jun<sup>r</sup> Join'd in the agreement to purchas if either M<sup>r</sup> Cook or M<sup>r</sup> Ayres complies to make the payments the Deed shall be given either to them or you as he intimates will be agreeable to you—And I have no intention to injure them for not making their payments according to their agreement, and the first payment shall be postponed to the first day of June next—when I will give the deed on recovering satisfactory security for the balance—

Your Hum<sup>l</sup> Ser

John Peirce

M<sup>rs</sup> Mary Ayres—Haverhill

## NEW DURHAM.

[Granted by the Masonian Proprietors May 5, 1749, to Jonathan Chesley and others, and sometimes called *Cochecho Township*. Incorporated Dec. 7, 1762. The town was settled partly by people from Durham whence it derived its name. The Free Baptist denomination had its origin here. New Durham Gore was incorporated as Alton June 16, 1796.

See New Hampshire charters in preceding volumes; IX, Bouton Town Papers,

127, 456, 569; XII, Hammond Town Papers, 701; Index to Laws, 395; papers under titles Kingswood and Coulerrain; sketch, Hurd's History of Strafford County, 1882, p. 658; Stewart's History of the Free Baptists, 1862, p. 53; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, p. 338; Free Baptists in N. H., by Joseph Fullonton, 1, Granite Monthly, 277; Souvenir of the Centennial Yearly Meeting of N. H. Free Baptists Association, 1892, pp. 154; Life of Benjamin Randall.]

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[*Petition of Jonathan Chesley and Ebenezer Smith, 1748.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 7, p. 71.]

Prov<sup>e</sup> of New } To The Hon<sup>l</sup> The Purchasers & Proprietors of  
Hampshire } Mason's Right (so called)—

The Petition of Jonathan Chesley & Eben<sup>r</sup> Smith of Durham Gent<sup>n</sup> Humbly Shews—That your Petitioners are appointed Agents for & on behalf of a Number of y<sup>e</sup> Freeholders & other Inhabitants of S<sup>d</sup> Durham who are desirous of having a certain Tract of Land granted them within S<sup>d</sup> Mason's S<sup>d</sup> Right & being convinced (upon y<sup>e</sup> best Information we can get) that y<sup>e</sup> Property is yours & consequently that you can give us a Title to what we desire Therefore We Humbly pray that we & our Constituents may have y<sup>e</sup> Grant of a Township bounding upon Rochester Head Line & Barnstead upon Such Terms as Shall be most likely to promote your & our Interest

Jonathan Chesley  
Ebenezer Smith

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[*Names of Chesley's Associates, 1749.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 7, p. 72.]

Province of } To the Honb<sup>le</sup> Theodore Atkinson Esq<sup>ur</sup> and  
New Hampshire } other Gentlemen Purchasers and Proprietors of  
John Tufton mason Esqu<sup>r</sup> his Right in Lands in said Province a List of the Subscribers to the Petition for a Tract of land above Rochester, to the abovesaid Proprietors, preferred by the hands of Capt Jonathan Chesley & m<sup>r</sup> Ebenezer Smith viz<sup>t</sup>—

Durham April 11<sup>th</sup> 1749

Jonathan Chesley  
James Drisco  
Joseph Duda Juner  
Joseph Wheeler  
Benjamin Jackson  
William Bruce

Ebenezer Smith  
Thomas Young of Newmarket  
John Cromet  
Benjamin Mathes  
Thomas Tash  
Samuel Wille



Sam <sup>l</sup> Stevins	} Both one sheir	Joseph Sias
James Thompson		Samuel Chesle of Durham
Jeremiah Drisco	} Both 1 Shear	Thomas Wille Juner
petor moo		Miles Randel
Job Runels Junr		Samuel Sias
Walter Bryant		Solomon Sias
Jonathan Durgin		Treworthy Durgin
Abednego Lethers		John Burnum
Jeremiah Burnum Juner		Joseph Chesley
Joseph Hall of newmarket		Daniel Rogers
Joseph Smith of newmarket		Samuel Smith Juner
Philip Cromet and	} Borth 1 Share	John Bennick
John andras		John Elliot
Benjamin Smith		Benj Jenkins
Simon Rendel		David Davis
Robert Burnum		whentrop Burnum
Robert Kent		Ichabod Denbo
John Bickford		John wille Juner
Joseph Burnum		James Smith
Sam <sup>l</sup> Adams		Jeremiah Burnam
John Edgerly		Joseph Thomas
Abraham Bennick Juner		Stephen Jones Juner
Thomas Langly		william Jackson Juner
Ebenezer Jones		Philip Chesely
Eliphelet Daniels		John Durgin &
John footman &	} Borth 1 shire	francis Durgin
Thomas Stevenson Juner		Benmore Duda
Volintine Mathes		nicholas Duda
Ichabod Chesley		Joseph Jones
thomas Chesley		thomas Chesley Juner
Jonathan Chesley Juner		Joseph Drew
Abraham Stevenson	} Borth 1 share	John Drew
francis Drew		John Adams minister
John Jonson	} Borth 1 shire	thomas york
nathaniel frost		william Durgin
Joseph Smith Juner		theodore wille &
Abraham mathis		John Bickford Juner
Elezer Bickford		Valintine hill
Benjamin Bennick	} Borth 1 shire	Richard Denbo &
John mason		Caleb wakham
William weeks of Greenland		Joseph weeks of Greenland
Lemuel Chesley		Joseph Bickford

[The names are then repeated and numbered from 1 to 80.—ED.]

[*Charter of New Durham, 1749.*]

[Masonian Proprietors' Records, May 5, 1849.]

Province of ) Portsmouth May y<sup>e</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> 1749 Fryday three of  
 New Hampshire { y<sup>e</sup> Clock afternoon at the Dwelling house of  
 Sarah Prust widow The Proprietors meet according to adjournment  
 Voted that there be & hereby is Granted unto Jonathan Chesle  
 Ebenezer Smith James Drisco Joseph Duda Jun<sup>r</sup> John Cromet  
 Joseph Wheler Benjamin Mathes Benjamin Jackson Thomas Tash  
 W<sup>m</sup> Bruce Samuel Wille Sam<sup>l</sup> Stevens & James Thompson both one  
 Share Joseph Sias Samuel Chesle Jeremiah Drisco & Peter Moo  
 both one Share Thomas Wille Jun<sup>r</sup> Miles Randel Job Runels Jun<sup>r</sup>  
 Sam<sup>l</sup> Sias & Solomon Sias both one Share Walter Bryant Jonathan  
 Durgin Treworthy Durgin Abednego Lethers John Burnum Jere-  
 miah Burnum ju<sup>r</sup> Joseph Chesle Daniel Rogers Sam<sup>l</sup> Smith Jun<sup>r</sup>  
 John Andras & Philip Cromet both one Share John Bennick & John  
 Elliot both one Share Benjamin Smith Benjamin Jenkins Simon  
 Rendel David Davis Robert Burnum Winthrop Burnum & Ichabod  
 Denbo both one Share Robert Kent John Bickford John Wille Ju<sup>r</sup>  
 Jo<sup>s</sup> Burnum James Smith Samuel Adams Jeremiah Burnum John  
 Edgerly Joseph Thomas Abraham Bennick Jun<sup>r</sup> Stephen Jones Ju<sup>r</sup>  
 Thomas Langly William Jackson jun<sup>r</sup> Ebenezer Jones Philip  
 Chessly Eliphalet Daniels John Durgin & Francis Durgin both one  
 Share John Footman & Thomas Stevenson Ju<sup>r</sup> both one Share  
 Benmore Duda & Nicholas Duda both one Share Volentine Mathes  
 Ichabod Chesle Joseph Jones Thomas Chesley Thomas Chesly  
 Jun<sup>r</sup> Jonathan Chesley Jun<sup>r</sup> Joseph Drew and John Drew both one  
 Share Francis Drew and Abraham Stevenson both one Share John  
 Adams Minister John Jonson & Nath<sup>l</sup> Frost both one Share  
 Thomas York & William Durgin both one Share Joseph Smith  
 jun<sup>r</sup> Theodore Wille & John Bickford jun<sup>r</sup> both one Share Abraham  
 Mathis Elezer Bickford Valentine Hill Benjamin Bennick & John  
 Mason both one Share Richard Denbo & Caleb Wakham both one  
 Share Lemuel Chesly Joseph Bickford All of Durham Thomas  
 Young & Joseph Smith of Newmarket William Weeks Joseph  
 Weeks Both of Greenland & Nicholas Perryman Esq<sup>r</sup> of Exeter  
 all in Said Province of New Hampshire in Equal Shares Excepting  
 as Aforesaid and as Hereafter is herein Excepted on the Terms  
 Conditions & Limitations herein After Expressed all that tract of  
 Land within the Province Aforesaid Containing the Quantity of  
 Six Miles Square Bounded as follows Viz<sup>t</sup> Beginning at the  
 Southwesterly Corner of a Tract of Land granted unto Ebenezer



Varney William Wentworth and Others upon & at Rochester head Line and from thence to run Westerly By said Head line of Rochester five Miles and to Continue the Breadth of five Miles extending from the head Line of Rochester so far Northwardly as to Make a Tract of Land Equal to Six Miles Square Adjoining to the said Tract of Land granted to the said Ebenezer Varney William Wentworth and Others and the Head Line of the said Tract of Land hereby granted to be a Parallel Line with the Head Line of Rochester and the Side Lines to be Parallel with Each Other to Have and to Hold to them their Heirs & Assigns forever in Equal Shares Excepting as Aforesaid on the following Terms Conditions & Limitations That is to Say that the whole Tract of Land within the said Boundaries (Saving what is Herein After mentioned to be Otherwise Improved) be Divided into one hundred Shares or Rights and Each Share be Laid out into two Distinct Lots one of which to Contain one Hundred Acres and the Other all the Land Belonging to Each Share Respectively. That the whole be so Laid out and the two Lots belonging to Each Share be Number'd with the Same Number Beginning with one and Ending with one hundred That the said Land be so Laid out within one Year from the Granting thereof and then the Lots Drawn for in the usual Manner of Drawing for Lots of Land in Such Cases and that this be done at Portsm<sup>o</sup> Aforesaid Under the Care & Direction of the Grantors Aforesaid and so done as to make but one Draft to Each Share That one of the said Shares be for the first Minister of the Gospel who Shall be Settled on Said Land and Continue there During his Life or until he Shall be Regularly dismiss to Hold to him his Heirs & Assigns And one Other of said Shares be for and towards the Support of the Gospel Ministry there forever and the hundred acre Lots belonging to these two Shares Respectively Shall be Laid out as near the Place where the Meeting house Shall be built as May Conveniently be done without being Drawn for as the other Lots That there be Six Acres of Land left in Some Convenient Place within the said Boundaries for building a Meeting House & School house upon & to be used as a Training Field a Burying Place or Other Public use the Inhabitants there may have Occasion to Improve it for

That one Other of Said Shares be for y<sup>e</sup> use & Maintainance of a School there forever —

That Seventeen of the Said Shares be and hereby are Reserved to the use of the said Grantors and their Heirs & Assigns forever: That the owners of the other Eighty Shares make a regular Settlement there at their own Charge in the following Manner viz that



Each owner of the said Eighty Shares Build an House of Sixteen foot Square or Equal thereto upon Some part of his Land there That there be thirty families Settled upon Said Tract of Land within four years next after a Peace is Proclamed between the English French and Indians and Each Family to have Such an House as Afores<sup>d</sup> and three Acres of Land cleared & fitted for Mowing or Tillage and that Ten Families more be Settled there Each having an House as Aforesaid within five years next After the Proclamation of Said Peace with three Acres of Land more fitted as Aforesaid And within Six years next After the Said Peace to have a Meeting House Built there for the Public Worship of God fitted for that Purpose for the use of the Inhabitants there And to Maintain the Constant preaching of the Gospel there from and After the End of Seven years from the Proclaiming Peace as Afores<sup>d</sup>

That there be twenty acres of Land Left in Some Suitable Place for a Privilege and Accommodation of a Saw mill which Shall be for him His Heirs & Assigns who will build Such Mill within the term of Five years next After Peace as Aforesaid with the Priv<sup>ilege</sup> of the most Convenient Stream and place for doing the Same and in Consideration thereof for the Benefit of Said Inhabitants the owner or owners of Such mill Shall Saw the Logs of the Said Inhabitants to the Halves for the Term of Ten years next After the Said Mill Shall first work if Desired so to do. And if no Particular Person or Persons of the owners of Said Shares or Such other Person or Persons as the Majority of them Shall admit Permit & Suffer to do the Same Undertake to Build Such Mill on the Terms Aforesaid then the said owners Shall do the Same at their Common Expen<sup>ce</sup> & Charge & put the Said Mill under Such A Regulation as that they and Others Inhabiting there may Have their Logs and Timber Sawed as Occasion may Require for Building on the Land Hereby Granted — That Each owner of the said Eighty Shares Pay to Such Person or Persons as y<sup>e</sup> Majority of them Shall Elect for that Purpose all Such Sums of Money or Bills of Publick Credit as the said owners or the Major part of them Shall Determine to be Necessary from time to time and as Occasion Shall Require to Defray the Charges of Laying out Said Land as Aforesaid and Other Matters and Things Necessary to be done for the Making a Settlement as Aforesaid and performing the Other Matters And things herein Directed to be Done —

That in Laying out the said Lots Care be taken to Sort them in Such a Manner as to make the Shares as Equal as Possible. That the Lots be Laid out in Ranges where the Land will Admit of it and Land Left Between the Ranges for Highways four Rods



wide and Between the Lots for ways of two Rods wide and that a Plan of the whole when so Laid out be made at the Charge of the Said owners and Returned to the said Grantors as soon as may be done with Conveniency

That the Remaining Seventeen Shares Reserved as Aforesaid be Exonerated Acquitted and fully Exempted from paying any Charge towards Making the said Settlement and not Held to the Conditions of the Eighty Shares Aforesaid nor be Liable to any Tax or Assessment Untill Improved by the Respective owners thereof—That All white pine trees fit for His Majestys use for masting y<sup>e</sup> Royal navy be and Hereby are Reserved And are Hereby Granted to His Majesty his heirs & Successors for that Purpose—That in Case the said Grantees Shall fail Neglect and Omit to Settle forty Families upon the Said Granted premises within the Term of Five Years next After a peace Shall be Concluded and Proclamed as Aforesaid Each Family Having the Quantity of three Acres of Land Cleared and fitted as Aforesaid and to do and Perform the Several Articles Matters & things Above Mentioned to be Performed and Done by the owners of the said Eighty Shares it Shall and May be Lawfull for the Said Grantors or any of them or any person or persons in their Name and Behalf & By their Authority or the Major Part of them to Enter into & Upon the Said Granted Premises or Any Part thereof for the whole and thence to Amove oust and Utterly to Expel the Said Grantees and the Said Granted Premises Shall be forfeited to the use of the Grantors and they Shall Thereby be Reseized and Vested in their former Estate Right Title and Interest to and in the Said Granted premises as though this Grant had never been made and the Same Shall thence forward be null and Void to All Intents and purposes Any Thing Herein Contained to the Contrary thereof Notwithstanding and all and Every of the Said Grantees who Shall not do and perform his Respective part and Duty in Making and Carrying on the Said Settlement<sup>t</sup> (in Case of the Settlement of forty families as Aforesaid) Such Delinquent owner Shall forfeit his Share and Right in the Said Premises to those Who Shall Have so performed and done their Duty as Aforesaid in Making the Said Settlement who Shall have full power and Authority into the Said forfeited Right and Share to Enter and Thereof to become Seized to their own use in Manner Aforesaid—

Provided Nevertheless that the said Grantees do and Shall when they Shall be thereunto Respectively Requested Enter into a Contract and Personally Oblige themselves and their Respective Heirs & Assigns to do and perform the Several Articles Matters & Things by these Persons before Mentioned to be Performed and Done by Signing and Executing

Such Instrument or Instruments in Writing as by Council Learn'd in the Law Shall be Advised and Devised for that purpose

And in that Case & Not Otherwise the said Grantors do Hereby promise & Ingage to the Said Grantees that they the Said Grantors their Heirs Exec<sup>rs</sup> Adm<sup>rs</sup> or Assigns Shall and will at their own Cost & Expence try the Title of the Said Granted Premises by Pursuing and Prosecuting an Action for the whole or any part thereof thro' the whole Course of the Law to a Final Judgment before the King in Council (if need be to Carry the Same So far) with Such Person or persons as Shall be thereto Disposed and desirous thereof Who Shall Dispute the Title of the Said Grantees Hereby Conveyed—

But in Case the Title of the Grantees Derived from the Said Grantors by these presents to the Said Premises Shall be Condemned and the Title of the Person or Persons So Disputing with the Grantors to the Premises Shall by Such Final Judgment be Prefer'd then the Grantees in these Presents Shall Recover Nothing of the Said Grantors for the Said Premises nor for Any Labour Expence Charge & Disbursement they the said Grantees their Heirs or Assigns Shall have been at in Consequence of this Grant—

And it is to be Understood that the Number of Years Mentioned herein for the Said Grantees to do and Perform the Several articles Matters and things afores<sup>d</sup> is to be So many Years free from the Impediment and Interruption of an Indian War

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[*Draft of Lots, 1750.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 7, p. 73, and Proprietors' Records, Vol. 6, p. 227, and Vol. 7, p. 61.]

Province of New Hampshire Portsmouth May y<sup>e</sup> 2<sup>d</sup> 1750—At a Proprietors meeting held at the House of Ann Slayton—The Draft of y<sup>e</sup> shares or Lots of y<sup>e</sup> Township granted to Jon<sup>a</sup> Chesly Eben<sup>r</sup> Smith & others—

1 Ministers Lot	N <sup>o</sup> 9	8 Richard Wibird Esqu <sup>r</sup>	68
2 Ministry Lot	10	9 Jeremiah Burnam	13
3 Thomas Packer Esqu <sup>r</sup>	72	10 Benj <sup>a</sup> Mathews	48
4 Rich <sup>d</sup> Denbo & Caleb Wakeham	59	11 School Lot	33
5 Ebenezer Smith	63	12 Benj <sup>a</sup> Bennick & }	69
6 John Edgerly	62	John Mason }	
7 Eleazer Bickford	27	13 Joseph Chesly	37
		14 Jn <sup>o</sup> Tufton Mason & Jn <sup>o</sup> Thomlinson Esqu <sup>rs</sup> }	98









15	Winthrop Burnan & }	N <sup>o</sup> 97	49	Joseph Sias	N <sup>o</sup> 80
	Ichabod Denbo		50	Jonathan Durgan	100
16	Eliphalet Daniel	58	51	Simon Randel	57
17	John Bennick & }	11	52	Volentine Hill	4
	John Eliot		53	Miles Randel	85
18	Jonathan Chesly	73	54	Joseph Drew & }	82
19	John Johnson & }	23		John Drew	
	Nathaniel Frost }		55	Abraham Mathews	39
20	Joseph Dude jun <sup>r</sup>	43	56	John Moffatt Esqu <sup>r</sup>	14
21	John Footman & }	67	57	Francis Drew & }	65
	Thomas Stevenson jun <sup>r</sup>			Abraham Stephenson }	
22	Jotham Odiorne Esqu <sup>r</sup>	76	58	Thomas Chesly jun <sup>r</sup>	79
23	Benjamin Jenkins	42	59	Jeremiah Burnam jun <sup>r</sup>	93
24	Jeremiah Drisco & }	28	60	Samuel Wille	71
	Peter Mow		61	Benjamin Jackson	52
25	Joseph Burnam	50	62	Sam <sup>l</sup> Solly and }	86
26	Lemuel Chesly	15		Clement March Esqu <sup>rs</sup>	
27	Joseph Wheeler	22	63	Thomas Langly	88
28	Joseph Bickford	36	64	Job Runnells jun <sup>r</sup>	81
29	Daniel Peirce & }	21	65	Joseph Thomas	32
	Mary Moor }		66	Theodore Atkinson Esqu <sup>r</sup>	46
30	Volentine Mathews	84	67	John Wentworth jun <sup>r</sup> Esqu <sup>r</sup>	78
31	Robert Kent	35	68	William Weeks	12
32	Joseph Smith Jun <sup>r</sup>	34	69	Samuel Chesly	1
33	Tho <sup>s</sup> Wallingford Esqu <sup>r</sup>	60	70	Mark Hunk <sup>s</sup> Wentworth	
34	Daniel Rogers	24		Esqu <sup>r</sup>	31
35	Nath <sup>l</sup> Meserve Esqu <sup>r</sup> }	16	71	Abednego Leathers	3
	& others }		72	Samuel Stevens & }	75
36	David Davis	94		James Thompson }	
37	Joseph Jones	8	73	John Burnam	77
38	James Smith	89	74	Mark Hunk <sup>s</sup> Wentworth	
39	John Andros & }	7		Esqu <sup>r</sup>	87
	Philip Cromett }		75	Trueworthy Durgan	91
40	George Jaffrey	38	76	Thomas Wille jun <sup>r</sup>	70
41	Theodore Willey & }	6	77	Thomas Tash	99
	John Bickford jun <sup>r</sup> }		78	Benmore Dude & }	40
42	Joseph Smith	55		Nicholas Dude }	
43	Philip Chesly	53	79	William Jackson jun <sup>r</sup>	47
44	Jonathan Chesly jun <sup>r</sup>	95	80	Samuel Smith jun <sup>r</sup>	30
45	Benjamin Smith	66	81	Thomas Chesly	96
46	John Bickford	64	82	John Cromett	51
47	Joshua Peirce Esqu <sup>r</sup>	83	83	John Wille jun <sup>r</sup>	44
48	John Durgan & }	17	84	Law Lot N <sup>o</sup> 1	26
	Francis Durgan }		85	Robert Burnam	5

86 Joseph Weeks	50	93 Law Lot N <sup>o</sup> 2	61
87 Abraham Bennick jun <sup>r</sup>	20	94 Walter Brient	74
88 Stephen Jones jun <sup>r</sup>	90	95 Nicholas Perryman Esqu <sup>r</sup>	2
89 John Addams Minister	41	96 Sam <sup>l</sup> Addams	18
90 Samuel Sias and {	92	97 Ichabod Chesly	25
Sollomon Sias }		98 Thomas Young	45
91 William Bruce	29	99 Ebenezer Jones	49
92 Thomas York & {	19	100 James Drisco	54
William Durgan }			

Voted that this Draft of Lots of Land in the Tract above mentioned be and hereby is Ratified & confirmed and that each Lot be held to the Respective Prerson to whose name it is affixed & to his heirs & assigns in severalty on the Terms first Granted—

Geo : Jaffrey Prop<sup>r</sup> Cl :

[ *Condition of Settlements*, 1770.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 7, p. 74.]

An Inventory of the Familys Houses improved Ground & Fell Trees in the Township of New Durham Viz<sup>t</sup>

	Lot	Fam <sup>s</sup>	Houses	improved Ground	fell Trees
Eben <sup>r</sup> Dow . . . Lot	N <sup>o</sup> 2	I	I	4 acres	4 acres
Edw & W <sup>m</sup> Peavey . . .	N <sup>o</sup> 4	2	2	18	0 acres
John Benrick . . .	N <sup>o</sup> 5	I	I	6	7
Rob Boody . . .	3	I	I	20	10
Nick <sup>s</sup> Glidden . . .	34	I	I	5	3
Benj <sup>a</sup> Bickford . . .	36	I	I	3	6
John Glidden . . .	37	I	I	7	5
Zeb <sup>a</sup> Glidden . . .	44	I	I	6	I
Nath <sup>an</sup> Kenneston . . .	43	I	I	10	4
	45	0	0	I	2
Jon <sup>a</sup> Buzzell . . .	47	I	I	4	3
Zach Boody . . .	49	I	I	0	7
	50	0	0	2	14
Jer <sup>m</sup> Dow . . .	52	I	I	0	20
Jos Libbey . . .	53	I	I	6	2
	55	0	0	I	3
Eben <sup>r</sup> Bickford . . .	27	I	I	12	2
	54	0	0	0	2
	56	0	0	0	8
James Berry . . .	30	I	I	11	2



	Lot	Fam <sup>s</sup>	Houses	improved Ground	fell Trees
David Allard . . .	63	I	I	3	o
Benj <sup>a</sup> Mathes . . .	62	I	I	3	o
Josi Doe & Jn <sup>o</sup> Collome .	99	2	2	14	o
John Doo . . .	97	I	I	3	o
	65	o	o	o	o But 2 Mills
Marriam Berry . . .	64	I	I	4	o
	66	o	I	5	o
Benj <sup>a</sup> Mooney . . .	8	I	I	3	o
	91	o	I	4	I
	92	o	o	o	2
James Palmer . . .	89	I	I	18	6
Jer <sup>m</sup> Taylor . . .	87	I	I	5	6
	88	o	o	o	3
Henry Allard . . .	16	I	I	9	o
James Stillson . . .	73	I	I	16	o
Tim <sup>o</sup> Murry . . .	71	I	I	6	o
Sid <sup>y</sup> Allard . . .	69	I	I	12	o
Benj <sup>a</sup> Berry . . .	11	I	I	14	o
Jn <sup>o</sup> Rogers . . .	24	I	I	9	o
	94	o	o	4	4
The <sup>o</sup> Atkenson . . .	46	o	o	o	3
Second Division					
Tim <sup>o</sup> Davis . . .	N <sup>o</sup> 19	2	2	13	4
Jon <sup>a</sup> Allard . . .	N <sup>o</sup> 18	o	o	2	o
Paul March . . .	17	I	I	30	A Mill 6 was Burnt Down
Paul March . . .	15	I	I	9	o
Paul March . . .	80	o	o	o	8
Paul March . . .	86	o	o	o	8
Tim <sup>o</sup> Murry . . .	71	o	o	o	3

N<sup>o</sup> 9 Thar is the Meeting House Inclosed shingled & under floor  
Laid under pined & window frames in and no more finished towards it.  
Timothy Murray  
Shadrach Allard

Province of } New durham 4 January 1770 then the above  
New Hampshire } named timothy murry and Shadarch allard Person-  
ally appeared Before me and maid Solemn oath that the above Inven-  
tory is Just and true according to the Best of ther Judgment Errors  
Exepted John Plummer Just Peace

[*Another Report of Settlements, April, 1770.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 7, p. 75.]

## An Inventory of the Improvements made In N: Durham

Mens Names that Is Settled	N <sup>o</sup> of Lots	Houses	Acres of Land Improv'd	Acres of Land Clear'd	Acres of fell Trees
Joseph Small . . .	N <sup>o</sup> 40	00	00	00	14
	N <sup>o</sup> 39	00	3½	00	00
	N <sup>o</sup> 42	00	00	3	4
	N <sup>o</sup> 93	00	1½	00	00
	N <sup>o</sup> 94	00	00	2½	2
	N <sup>o</sup> 92	00	00	3	00
Joseph Durgan . . .	N <sup>o</sup> 91	1	4½	00	5
James Palmer . . .	N <sup>o</sup> 89	1	19	10	8
	N <sup>o</sup> 77	00	00	00	3½
Jere <sup>h</sup> Taylor . . .	N <sup>o</sup> 87	1	7	4	4
	N <sup>o</sup> 67	00	00	3	00
John Younge . . .	N <sup>o</sup> 66	1	11	00	00
	N <sup>o</sup> 65	2 Mills	00	1½	00
Eben <sup>r</sup> Bickford J <sup>r</sup> . . .	N <sup>o</sup> 55	00	2	00	3
	N <sup>o</sup> 54	00	00	00	4
Zeb <sup>a</sup> Glidden . . .	N <sup>o</sup> 44	1	6	2	3
	N <sup>o</sup> 46	00	1	1½	1
	N <sup>o</sup> 50	00	2	3	15
	N <sup>o</sup> 51	00	00	00	4
James Berry . . .	N <sup>o</sup> 30	1	13	3	00
Eben <sup>r</sup> Dow . . .	N <sup>o</sup> 2	1	5	00	11
Edward Pevey . . .	N <sup>o</sup> 4	1	15	00	10
Rob <sup>t</sup> Boodey . . .	N <sup>o</sup> 3	1	20	00	12
John Bennick . . .	N <sup>o</sup> 5	1	7	3	10
Josiah Doe . . .	N <sup>o</sup> 99	1	5	3	2
Benj <sup>a</sup> Bickford . . .	N <sup>o</sup> 36	1	5	1	5
Nicholas Gledon . . .	N <sup>o</sup> 34	1	3	00	3
Ichabod Buzzy . . .	N <sup>o</sup> 47	1	7	2	9
Zachariah Boody . . .	N <sup>o</sup> 49	1	00	1½	10
Jeremiah Dow . . .	N <sup>o</sup> 52	1	00	2	38
Nathan Kenistone . . .	N <sup>o</sup> 43	1	12	3	5
widow Sarah Gledon wife of benj <sup>a</sup> . . .	N <sup>o</sup> 34	00	3	00	3
Joseph Libbey . . .	N <sup>o</sup> 53	1	6	00	6
Eben <sup>r</sup> Bickford . . .	N <sup>o</sup> 27	1	16	00	6
	N <sup>o</sup> 56	00	00	1	9
Benj <sup>a</sup> Berry . . .	N <sup>o</sup> 11	1	15	00	00



Mens Names that Is Settled	Nº of Lots	Houses	Acres of Land Improv'd	Acres of Land Clear'd	Acres of fell Trees
John Rogers . . .	Nº 24	I	30	00	00
	Nº 22	Burnt	00	8	00
	Nº 13	Burnt	00	4	00
William Peavey . . .	Nº 4	I	5	00	4
Jonathan Allard . . .	Nº 19	I	13	00	00
Paul March . . .	Nº 17	2	30	10	8
	Nº 80	00	00	8	0
Timº Davis . . .	Nº 19	I	25	00	00
	Nº 18	00	00	2	00
	Nº 23	I Burnt	4	00	00
	Nº 7	I Burnt	8	00	00
	Nº 9	00	6	00	00
	Nº 17	00	5	00	00
	Nº 26	00	5	00	00
John Glidden . . .	Nº 37	I	7	00	4
	Nº 10	a	Meeting	House	00
Thoº Younge . . .	Nº 45	I	I	00	2
Shadrach Allard . . .	Nº 69	I	12	4	00
James Stillson . . .	Nº 73	I	20	00	00
Henry Allard . . .	Nº 16	I	18	00	00
Timº Murray . . .	Nº 71	I	12	00	00
Benjº Mooney . . .	Nº 8	I	14	00	00
	Nº 15	00	2	00	00
David Langley . . .	Nº 88	I	00	I	3
James Chesley . . .	Nº 96	I	00	00	5
David Allard . . .	Nº 63	I	4	00	4
widow Merriam berry . . .	Nº 64	I	3	00	4
John Collema . . .	Nº 99	I	20	00	5
John Doe . . .	Nº 97	I	6	0	00
Benjº Mathas . . .	Nº 62	I	9	6	00
	Nº 100	I	00	I	0
	Nº 70	00	00	I	3
	Nº 17	a Saw	mill &c	was	Burnt

Number of Families . . . . .	42
Number of Houses . . . . .	41
Number of Ditto Burnt . . . . .	4
1 Meeting House . . . . .	1
1 Saw Mill & 1 Grist Mill . . . . .	2

1 Saw Mill Burnt . . . . .	1
Number of Acres Improv'd . . . . .	448½
Number of Ditto Clear'd . . . . .	98
Number of Ditto fell Trees . . . . .	251½

The foregoing is a True Inventory Taken by us The Subscribers According to The Best of Our Judgement

Thos Tash  
Volintine Mathes } Committee

[Account of Several Lots.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 7, p. 76.]

Nº 7 A House 18 feet by 16 Was built on S<sup>d</sup> Lot and was Burnt, And Three or four acres of Land Improv'd for mowing on S<sup>d</sup> Lot

Nº 23 A House has been built And Burnt and more than three Acres on Said Lot has been Improv'd for mowing & Planting —

Nº 93 One Acre Clear'd ———

Nº 94 Three Acres fell Trees & Mostly Clear'd Up ———

Nº 77 Three or four Acres fell Trees

Nº 42 Ab<sup>t</sup> Seven Acres fell Trees & Mostly Clear'd ———

Nº 22 A House built & Burnt with ab<sup>t</sup> four acres Improv'd ———

Nº 13 A House built & Burnt about four acres Improv'd ———

Nº 51 four Acres fell Trees ———

Nº 54 Three Acres D<sup>o</sup> D<sup>o</sup> ———

Nº 56 five Acres —D<sup>o</sup> ———

Nº 40 Eight Acres—D<sup>o</sup> ———

Nº 80 four Acres —Ditto— and a House—

Nº 44 Three Acres Clear'd & Two acres : Fell

[Thomas Tash's Bill, 1824.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 7, p. 77.]

Mark Peirce Esq. of Portsmouth

to Thomas Tash —D<sup>r</sup>

1824 } June 7 }	To 3 days running out his lots of land Numbered 21 in the first, & 21 in the sec <sup>d</sup> Div <sup>n</sup> of New Durham To ½ a day planning the same —	{ Dol. Cts. 4, 50 50
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Errors Excepted p<sup>r</sup>

Thos Tash Surveyor.



Note. The reason why it took 3 days to run this land was; we had to run and measure other lots, before we could find the right corners, besides we had some interruption by foul weather.

Note. 2nd. The Chainmen's bill will be 6 dollars, that is 3 dollars each, and the bill of the axe man or spotter will, I suppose, be 3 dollars also, that being the customary price in such cases.

Note 3rd. Samuel Wille Esq. was with us the greater part of the time; he also found me, and part of the rest of the company, while engaged in the business.

To Mark Peirce Esq. Portsmouth

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## NEWINGTON.

[Formerly a part of Dover known as *Bloody Point*. The date of incorporation is doubtful but is given by some authorities as July, 1764. A small portion of the town was annexed to Portsmouth June 29, 1821.

See papers under title Dover; IX, Bouton Town Papers, 153; XII, Hammond Town Papers, 710; Index to Laws, 404; sketch, Hurd's History of Rockingham County, 1882, p. 392; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, p. 100; Church Records, 1716-1731, by C. W. Tuttle, N. E. Hist. Gen. Register, vol. 22, p. 23, to vol. 25, p. 284; Report of an Indian Massacre at Fox Point, by Chas. Wesley Tuttle, Historical Papers, edited by Albert H. Hoyt, 1889.]

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[*Petition of Newington Men*, 1748.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 7, p. 79.]

Prove of        ) To the Hon<sup>ble</sup> Theodore Atkinson Esq<sup>r</sup> & others  
New Hamp } Purchasers and Propriators of Masons Rights So  
Called ———

The Petition of the Subscribers Humbly Shews that your Petitioners who are underneath Subscribed are Desireous to have Granted to them a Tract of Land for a Township on Merrimack River or as Near the River as you think Proper and on Such Terms and Limitations as others who have Asked the Same Favour and as Speedely as shall be Consistant with your Conveincey and your Petitioners as in Duty bound Shall Ever Pray

John Knight Ju <sup>r</sup>	Christopher Huntriss	Richard Damm
Thomas Pickrin	niclous Pickrin	James Colbroth
John Trecke	Joshua Trecke	Moses furbur
Jonathen Trecke	Josaph Trecke	Elezer Colman

Josaph Colman	John Leighter rowell	Hutson Pene
John Hoyt	Nicholas Knight	Joseph Colbroth
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Joseph Rollings Ju <sup>r</sup>	Noor Rollings	William Huntris
John Huntres	Jonathen Huntres	Chrestepher Huntres Ju <sup>r</sup>
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[Endorsed] Newington 20 Jn<sup>o</sup> Knight jun<sup>r</sup> Rece<sup>d</sup> Dec<sup>r</sup> 1<sup>th</sup> 1748

## NEW HAMPTON.

[Granted as *Moultonborough Addition* Jan. 24, 1765, to Jonathan Moulton and others, proprietors of Moultonborough. Incorporated as New Hampton Nov. 27, 1777, and named from the town of Hampton. Centre Harbor was set off and incorporated Dec. 7, 1797.]

See papers under title Moultonborough; XII, Hammond Town Papers, 706; Index to Laws, 401; sketch, Hurd's History of Belknap County, 1885, p. 870; Reminiscences of, by F. H. Kelley, 1889, pp. 147; Stewart's History of the Free Baptists, 1862, p. 252; Baptist Churches in N. H., by E. E. Cummings, 1836, p. 18; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, p. 503; Historical Sketch of the Academical and Theological Institution, by W. E. Wording, 14, American Quarterly Register, 351; Historical Sketch, 1876; The Town of New Hampton and Her Two Celebrated Revolutionary Officers, by G. W. Nesmith, 3, Granite Monthly, 221.]

[*Grant as Moultonborough Addition, 1765.*]

[Masonian Proprietors' Records, Jan. 24, 1765.]

Province of } Portsmouth January 24<sup>th</sup> 1765. Thursday five  
New Hampshire } of the clock afternoon, at the dwelling house of  
Cap<sup>t</sup> James Stoodly Innholder The Proprietors meet according to  
adjournment

Whereas the said Proprietors on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of November 1763  
Granted a tract of Land of Six miles Square, or Equal thereto unto



Jonathan Moulton Esq<sup>r</sup> Ephraim Marston Jeremiah Marston, and others part of the Land of said Proprietors, which having been Since View'd & Examind is found to much Inferior in Quality to what it was Supposed to be, which is Discouraging to the Grantees— Therefore Voted That there be & hereby is Granted to the same Grantees mentioned in the Grant above refer'd to, and on the same Terms & Conditions & Limitations, an Addition, all the Right title Interest Claim Property, & Demand of the said Proprietors, of in & unto all that tract & parcel of Land joining to the said former Grant, contained within the following bounds Beginning, at the North East Corner of New Salem so called, thirty rods from Winnipissiokey Pond thence running South fifty five Deg: West bounding on said New Salem & Sandburn Town so Called to Pemigewasset River, thence running Northerly up said Pemigewasset River bounding by the middle of said River, to the South westerly Corner of the Township of Holderness so Called, thence running East, bounding on the Southerly line of said Holderness, Six miles to the Southeasterly Corner of Holderness aforesaid, thence running North bounding on the Easterly line of Holderness to the Curve line so Called, which is the head line of the said Proprietors Land thence by said Curve line to the tract of Land first Granted to these Grantees, thence running on the Westerly line of said tract to the place where it begins To have and to hold the said tract of Land, hereby granted to the said Grantees in Equal Shares & to their Heirs & Assigns forever, on the same Terms, limitations & Conditions in all respects as the former Tract of Land was to them granted & on which they hold the same said Tract of Land being joined to the former for one Township — and whereas by the former grant of the 17<sup>th</sup> day of November 1763, the Tract then Granted was to be Divided into Eighty two Shares, & Each Share into two Lots, which by this Addition may not be so Convenient — Therefore 'tis now agreed & Voted the whole of the said former & this Grant shall be Divided into Eighty two Shares & each Share, into Three Seperate Lots & whereas it may forward the Settlement to have a Plan return'd & the Lots drawn for of the first Division as soon as may be, & that the whole tract be laid out & a Plan returned, and the lots ready to be drawn for with the Remainder within one Year from this Date at farthest, which is at the Request of the Grantees & is agreed to & Voted to be done & performed —

## NEW IPSWICH.

[Granted by Massachusetts Jan. 15, 1735-6, to John Wainwright, John Choate, and others, inhabitants of Ipswich, Mass. Granted by the Masonian Proprietors April 17, 1750, to Reuben Kidder and others. Incorporated as *Ipswich* Sept. 9, 1762. Incorporated as New Ipswich March 6, 1766.]

See Massachusetts and New Hampshire charters in preceding volumes; IX, Bouton Town Papers, 604; XII, Hammond Town Papers, 730; Index to Laws, 402; Sketches of History, by Charles Walker, 5, Collections of N. H. Historical Society, 155; History, by F. Kidder and A. A. Gould, 1852, pp. 488; Historical Discourse, centennial celebration of First Congregational Church, 1860, by Samuel Lee, 1861, pp. 88; sketch, Hurd's History of Hillsborough County, 1885, p. 610; Baptist Churches in N. H., by E. E. Cummings, 1836, p. 16; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, pp. 231, 236.]

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[*Votes of Proprietors of New Ipswich, 1748.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 7, p. 80.]

At a Legal Meeting of the Prop<sup>rs</sup> of New-Ipswich at the Dwelling House of Joseph Newhall in Ipswich on Tuesday the 14<sup>th</sup> of February A D 1748—

Col<sup>o</sup> Thomas Berry Moderator—

Voted That Col<sup>o</sup> Daniel Appleton Col<sup>o</sup> John Choate & Col<sup>o</sup> Thomas Berry be a Committee fully Authoriz'd & Impower'd in the Name & Behalf of the Proprietors to Treat with the late Grantees of Mason's Grant so call'd, or with Col<sup>o</sup> Joseph Blanchard or both as they shall see meet respecting their Supposed Title to s<sup>d</sup> New Ipswich and to make a full & final Agreement and Settlement of any Differences or Disputes that are between y<sup>e</sup> s<sup>d</sup> Grantees of s<sup>d</sup> Mason & y<sup>e</sup> s<sup>d</sup> New Ipswich Prop<sup>rs</sup> relating to y<sup>e</sup> Title & Settlement thereof; and what they, or either two of them do on the premisses to be Binding to the Proprietors. And if they Apprehend it not best to Agree, than to Report to the Prop<sup>rs</sup> (as soon as may be) what may be best further to be done

A Copy Exam<sup>d</sup>

℥ Tho Norton Pro Cler

At a Legal Meeting of the Prop<sup>rs</sup> of New Ipswich by Adjournment at y<sup>e</sup> Dwelling House of Joseph Newhall in Ipswich February the 28<sup>th</sup> Anno Domini 1748

Andrew Burley Esq<sup>r</sup> Moderator

Voted That either two of the Com<sup>tee</sup> appointed by the Prop<sup>rs</sup> at their meeting the Fourteenth of February instant to Treat with Col Blanchard about Masons Title &c as set forth therein be fully Authoriz'd & Impower'd to go & to Act in that affair as amply & fully to all Intents & purposes as if they all three went & were present

A Copy Exam<sup>d</sup>

℥ Tho Norton Pro Cler



[*Joseph Blanchard to Masonian Proprietors, 1748.*]

[*Masonian Papers, Vol. 7, p. 81.*]

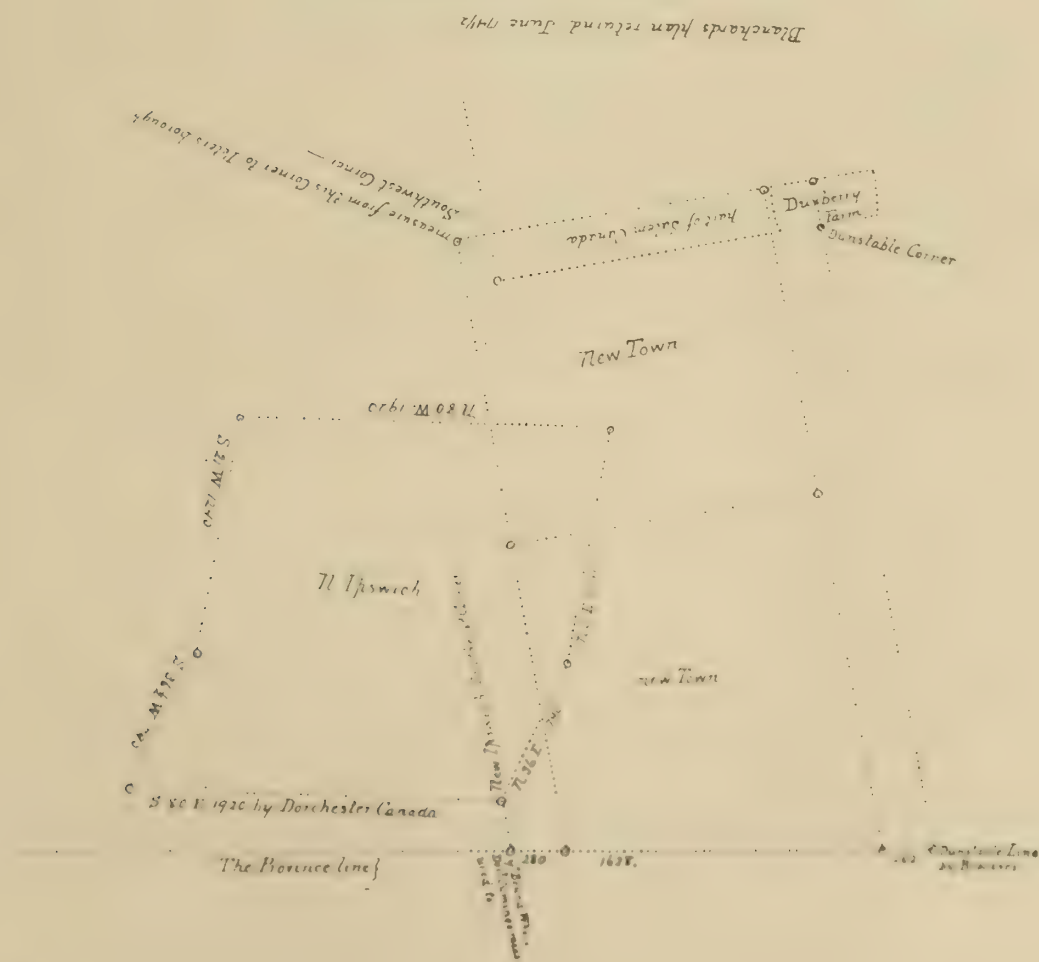
Gentlemen

Coll<sup>o</sup> Choat & Collo<sup>l</sup> Applton a Com<sup>tee</sup> On Behalf of New Ipswich has bin With me Treating Ab<sup>t</sup> your title to that township And are disposed to Accom<sup>o</sup>date Matters if they Can the lines of the town may be Continued, near the Same, & you will See by their plan 120 Lotts are Lay'd out & Drawn they Request to hold them lotts as Lay'd out and their Town Lines to Stand, of, Which the northeast Corner; I must take off, I Expect it will Intersect and Cut of ab<sup>t</sup> 8 Lotts, it Should Shut Home to the province line & in Lieu of What I take off on y<sup>e</sup> East made up as ~~o~~ a plan I'l Send you the Seasonable & Effectuall forwarding the Settlem<sup>t</sup> they Are Willing to. But they are not Willing to Comply with the quantity to be Reserved therefore I have for that Article in Special Referred them to your determination, And to have them Easily dealt with & their being Accom<sup>o</sup>dated, in the best way will be very pleasing to y<sup>r</sup> Hum<sup>l</sup> Ser<sup>t</sup>

Dunstable March 3<sup>d</sup>—1748

J Blanchard

[*Blanchard's Plan.*]



[*Charter of New Ipswich, 1750.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 7, pp. 82, 83.]

Province of } Pursuant to the Power & Authority Granted,  
New Hampshire } & Vested in me by the Proprietors of Lands purchased of John Tufton Mason Esq<sup>r</sup> in the Province of New Hampshire aforesaid by their Vote the 16<sup>th</sup> of June 1749, passed at their Meeting held at Portsmouth in said Province.—

I Do by these Presents give & grant unto Reuben Kidder, Archible White, Jonas Woolson, Abijah Foster, John Brown, Benj<sup>a</sup> Hoar jun<sup>r</sup> Timothy Heald, Joseph Kidder, Joseph Bullard, Ebenezer Bullard, Joseph Stevens, Henry Putney, John Chandler all of a place called New Ipswich, Hannah Dinsmore, Peter Powers, Daniel Emerson, David Nevens, all of Holles, Zaccheus Lovewell, Joseph French both of Dunstable, & all in the Province of New Hampshire, Jon<sup>a</sup> Hubbard, John Stevens Esq<sup>r</sup> of Townshend, Isaac Appleton, Thomas Adams, Robert Choat, William Brown, Nathaniel Smith, Col<sup>o</sup> John Choat, Francis Choat, Thomas Dennis all of Ipswich, Andrew Spaulding of Westford, Isaac Patch of Groton, William Peters of Medfield, John Marsh of Mendon, & Benj<sup>a</sup> Hoar of Littleton. To them, their Heirs & Assigns, on the Terms, Conditions, Reservations & Limitations, & in the Respective Proportions, hereafter expressed, all the Right, Title, Interest & Property of the Grantors aforesaid, of, in & to that Tract of Land, or Township lying in the Province of New Hampshire aforesaid Extending Six Miles in length, & five Miles in Breadth bounded as followeth, beginning at the line between the Province of New Hampshire aforesaid & the Province of the Massachusetts Bay at the Southwest Corner of the Township call'd N<sup>o</sup> 1, from thence North Eighty Degrees West Six miles to the South West Corner of the Township called South Manadnock or Manadnock Number one, from thence North by the Needle five Miles to the North East Corner of said South Manadnock, from thence South Eighty Deg<sup>s</sup> East by the Line of Peterborough Slip, Six Miles to the North West Corner of N<sup>o</sup> one, & from thence South five Miles to the Bounds first Mentioned, To have and to hold to them, their Heirs & Assigns Excepting as aforesaid, & on the following Terms & Conditions with the Reservations aforesaid, the Lots already laid out, & the several Proportions of Common Land, yet to be divided to each one as followeth, To Reuben Kidder, in the North Division, the Lots N<sup>o</sup> 55, and N<sup>o</sup> 46, & in the Ranges of Lots N<sup>o</sup> 1, & N<sup>o</sup> 3 in the fourteenth Range, N<sup>o</sup> 1 in the thirteenth, & N<sup>o</sup> 3 in the third Range, & three full Shares in the after Divisions To Archible White, N<sup>o</sup> 19, in the North



Division, & one half Share to be joyned with Joseph Bullard, in the after Divisions, To Jonas Woolson N<sup>o</sup> 2 in the fourth Range, & N<sup>o</sup> 2 in the fifteenth Range, & one Share in the after Division, To Abijah Foster N<sup>o</sup> 33 in the North Division, & N<sup>o</sup> 3 in the first Range & one Share in the after Divisions. To John Brown N<sup>o</sup> 31 in the North Division one Eighty Acre Lot to be laid out in the Common, & one Share in the after Divisions—To Benj<sup>a</sup> Hoar jun<sup>r</sup> N<sup>o</sup> 40, in the North Division, N<sup>o</sup> one in the second Range, N<sup>o</sup> 2 in the fifth, & one in the sixth Range, & two Shares in the after Divisions To Timothy Heald, N<sup>o</sup> 65, & 66, new lay'd out, & one Share in the after Divisions, Joseph Kidder N<sup>o</sup> 48, in the North Division, N<sup>o</sup> 1, in the ninth Range, & one Share in the after Divisions. Joseph Bullard N<sup>o</sup> 2 in the first Range, one half Share in the after Divisions with Archible White. To Ebenezer Bullard N<sup>o</sup> 2 & N<sup>o</sup> 3 in the second Range & one Share in the after Divisions, To Joseph Stevens N<sup>o</sup> 35 in the North Division N<sup>o</sup> 3 in the Seventh Range, & one Share in the after Division. To Henry Putney 49 in the North Division, & N<sup>o</sup> 7 in the new lay'd out, & one Share in the after Divisions, To John Chandler, N<sup>o</sup> one in the third Range, N<sup>o</sup> one in the fourth Range, & one share in the after Division. To Hannah Dinsmore N<sup>o</sup> 54 in the North Division, N<sup>o</sup> 4 in the 9<sup>th</sup> Range & N<sup>o</sup> 2 in the Seventh Range, & one Share in the after Divisions, To M<sup>r</sup> Daniel Emerson one Eighty acre Lot, to be lay'd out in the Common Land, & one share in the after Division to Compleat the right of N<sup>o</sup> 2 in the Seventh Range of Hannah Dinsmore's, To David Nevens N<sup>o</sup> 187, new laid out, N<sup>o</sup> 4 in the Eleventh Range, & one Share in the after Divisions, To Peter Powers, N<sup>o</sup> 1 & N<sup>o</sup> 12 in the lots new laid out, & one Share in the after Divisions, To Zaccheus Lovewell, N<sup>o</sup> 3 in the twelfth Range, & N<sup>o</sup> 3 in the Eleventh Range, & one Share in the after Divisions. To Joseph French, N<sup>o</sup> 4 in the third, & 3 in the tenth Range, and one share in the after Divisions, To Jon<sup>a</sup> Hubbard N<sup>o</sup> 47 in the North Division, & N<sup>o</sup> 2 in the ninth Range, & one Share in the after Division, To John Stevens Esq<sup>r</sup>, N<sup>o</sup> 34, in the North Division, N<sup>o</sup> 52, in the North Division & one in the fifteenth Range, N<sup>o</sup> 5, new laid out, N<sup>o</sup> 2 in the 12<sup>th</sup> Range N<sup>o</sup> 4, in the 10<sup>th</sup> Range, & three Shares in the after Divisions To Isaac Appleton, N<sup>o</sup> 63 & N<sup>o</sup> 42, & N<sup>o</sup> 41, N<sup>o</sup> 64 & N<sup>o</sup> 9 all in the North Division & N<sup>o</sup> one in the Eleventh, N<sup>o</sup> 2 in the 16<sup>th</sup> & N<sup>o</sup> 69 & 72 New lay'd out, & 2 in the Eighth, & two in the third, & 2 in the Sixth Ranges, & Six Shares in the after Divisions, To Thomas Adams the Lots N<sup>o</sup> 25 & 21, & 22, & 17, & 18, & 50, & 51, in the North Division & Lots N<sup>o</sup> 4 in the fourteenth & 1 in the Sixteenth, & 2 in the tenth Ranges, & five Shares in the after Divisions, To Cap<sup>t</sup> Robert Choat N<sup>o</sup> 4 in the first Range, N<sup>o</sup> 1 in the tenth Range, & one Share in the after Di-



visions, To William Brown N° 30, in the North Division, & 4 in the Sixth Range, and one Share in the after Divisions, To Nathaniel Smith N° 45 in the North Division & N° 3 in the 13<sup>th</sup> Range, 4 in the 12<sup>th</sup> Range, one Eighty Acre Lot to be laid out in the Common Land, & two shares in the after Divisions, To Thomas Dennis N° 57 in the North Division & one Eighty Acre lot to be laid out in the Common land & one Share in the after Divisions, To Andrew Spaulding N° one in the twelfth Range, & half a Share in the after Divisions to joyn with John Marsh, To Isaac Patch N° 4 in the fifth Range, & half a Share in the after Divisions, To William Peters of Medfield, one Eighty Acre Lot to be laid out in the Common Land, To John Marsh, N° 37, in the North Division, & half a Share in the after Division to joyn with Andrew Spaulding, To Major Zaccheus Lovewell N° 2 in the Eleventh Range, and one Eighty Acre Lot to be laid out in the Common, & one Share in the after Division, To Francis Choat N° 3 in the Sixth Range, one Eighty Acre Lot to be lay'd out in the Common Land, and one Share in the after Division To Col° John Choat, N° 27, in the North Division, & one Share in the after Division, To the first Settled Minister in said Township the Lots N° 2 in the 13<sup>th</sup> Range, & N° 32, in the North Division & one Share in the after Division to the Use of the Ministry there, the Lot N° 20, in the North Division, & one Eighty Acre lot to be lay'd out in the Common Land, & one Share in the after Division, To the Use of the School there forever, two Eighty Acre lots to be lay'd out in the Commons, & one Share in the after Division, To Benjamin Hoar Jun<sup>r</sup> N° 16 new lay'd out, & N° 26 & N° 36, & N° 53, all in the North Division, & two shares, in the after Divisions.—That is to say that Eighteen full & equal Shares in said Town in the following Manner viz<sup>t</sup> Thirty Six Lots of Eighty Acres each already laid out & Eighteen Shares in the after Divisions to be drawn for in some Equitable Manner, that is to say two Lots of Seventy Acres each for each Share to be reserved for the Use of the Grantors, their Heirs & Assigns forever, & the like Number of Lots & Quantity of Land for each Share of each Grantees holding in the after Division, & the Remainder besides what is before Granted to be to the Use of the Grantees.—that the Divission of the said two Seventy acres Lots for each Share be laid out, & Equitably Coupled together & drawn for in some open Equitable Manner at or before the last day of August 1751, & that the aforesaid Eighteen Shares reserved as aforesaid for the Grantors be Exonerated, acquitted & fully Exempt from paying any Charge towards making a Settlement, & not held to the Conditions of the other Shares respecting a Settlement nor liable to any Tax or Assessment or Charge, until improved by the owners or some holding under them Respectively, that the



Grantees at their own Expence make Settlement, be at the Charge of dividing the whole of the Lands, Clearing & making feacible Roads & that all the Lots in said Town be Subject to have all necessary Roads lay'd thro' them as their shall be Occasion free from Charge, that the Grantees according to the Number of their Shares or Lots herein after named make Settlement in the following Manner viz<sup>t</sup> that within two Years from this Date on each Settling Lot or Share there be three Acres of Land Cleared & fitted for Mowing or Ploughing & have a Comfortable Dwelling House, the Room to be at least Sixteen feet Square, & a Family or some Person dwelling in each House, & that within five Years from this Date there be nine Acres more cleared inclosed, & fitted for Mowing or Tillage on some Lot to each Settling Right as aforesaid. that the Grantees to make Settlement, & the Number of each be as followeth viz<sup>t</sup> Reuben Kidder to make Settlement on three shares or Rights, Archible White, Jonas Woolson, Abijah Foster, John Brown, on one Share each, Benjamin Hoar Jun<sup>r</sup> on two Shares, Timothy Heald on one Share, Joseph Kidder on one Share Joseph Bullard one, Ebenezer Bullard one, Joseph Stevens one, Henry Putney one, John Chandler one, Hannah Dinsmore two, Peter Powers one, David Nevens one, Jonathan Hubbard one, John Stevens one, Isaac Appleton Six, Thomas Adams five, Robert Choat one, William Brown one, Nathaniel Smith two, Francis Choat one Thomas Dennis one, Andrew Spaulding one, Isaac Patch one, William Peters one, John Marsh one, & Benjamin Hoar two in manner as aforesaid.— That each of the Grantees at the Executing of this Instrument, pay fourteen Pounds Cash old tenor, to pay the Charges risen and Ariseing in said Township, to be Deposited in the hands of some Person chosen by them for that Purpose—

That a Convenient Meeting House be built in said Township, within Seven Years from this Date as near the Center of said Town, and at such place as the Major part of the Interest of Grantors and Grantees shall Determine by a Major Vote in publick Proprietors Meetings called for that Purpose, Giving forty days Notice of such Meeting, & ten Acres of Land reserved there for publick Use — That the aforesaid Grantees or their Assigns assess such further Sum or Sums of Money in equal Proportion to each Grantees Interest, Exclusive of the publick Lots as shall be Necessary for Compleating any of the publick Articles aforesaid, & for such further Payment of any Sum or Sums that shall by the said Grantees or their Assigns be raised for hireing Preaching, or settling & Support of the Minister there and on Failure of Payment for the Space of three Months after such publick Tax is agreed upon & Posted up, at such Place or

Places as the Proprietors, the Grantees aforesaid, or their Assigns shall appoint for calling Proprietors Meetings, that so much of such Delinquents Right be disposed of as will pay such Tax or assessment & all Charges arising thereon.

That all White Pine Trees fit for his Majesties Use for Masting his Royal Navy Growing on said Land be and hereby are Granted to his Majesty his Heirs & Successors for ever, and in Case any of the s<sup>d</sup> Grantees or their Assigns, shall neglect or refuse to perform any of the Articles, Matters & Things aforementioned by him Respectively to be done he shall forfeit his Share & whole Right in said Township, & every part thereof to those of the said Grantees or their immediate Assigns that shall have Complied with the Conditions on their parts herein Exprest. and it shall and may be lawfull for them or any Person or Persons in their Stead, & by their Authority, to enter into & upon the Right or part of such Delinquent Owner, & any and every part thereof, in the name of the whole of the Settlers that shall fullfill as aforesaid, & him utterly to amove, Oust & Expel for their Use, their Heirs & Assigns Provided they Settle or cause to be Settled each such Delinq<sup>ts</sup> Right or Share, within the Space of One Year at the furthest from the Period of such Condition, Articles, Matters & things that is by this Instrument Stipulated to be done as the Condition of this Grant, & fully discharge & Comply with all the whole Duty & Expence such Delinquents ought to have done, & every part of Duty enjoyn'd, such Right to be finished at the Several Periods thereof, & in Case the said Grantees or their Assigns that shall fullfill their parts as aforesaid, & shall omit & neglect for the Space of one Year as aforesaid, improveing, Building, & Settling and fullfilling every part as herein is Conditioned to be done that all such Share & Right as are thus delinquent in said Township, & every part & Parcel of such Delinquents shall be forfeited, revert & belong to the Grantors of the Premises their Heirs & Assigns with full Authority to enter into and upon all such Delinquents Rights & the Possessor thereof utterly amove, oust & expel for the Use of the said Grantors, Provided there be no Indian Wars within any of the Terms & Limitation of time aforesaid for doing the Duty Condition'd in this Grant, and in Case that should happen the same time to be allowed for the Respective Matters aforesaid after such Impediment shall be removed.—Lastly the said Grantors do hereby promise and engage to the said Grantees their Heirs & Assigns, to defend thro' the Law to King & Council, if need be One Action that shall & may be brought against them or any Number of them, by any Person or Persons whatsoever Claiming the said Land or any part, thereof by



any other Title than that of the said Grantors, or that by which they hold & derive their's from Provided the said Grantors are avouched in, to defend the same, and that in Case on final Tryal the same shall be recovered against the Grantors, that such Person or Persons shall recover nothing over against the Grantors for the Lands, Improvements or Expence in bringing forward the Settlements, and further that the said Grantors will pay the Necessary Expence of time & Money that any other Person or Persons shall be put to by any other Suit or Suits that shall be brought against them or any of them the said Grantees for tryal of the Title before one Suit shall be fully Determined in the Law—

To all which Premises Joseph Blanchard Esqr Agent, for & in Behalf of the Grantors hath hereunto set his Hand & Seal this seventeenth day of April 1750 —

Joseph Blanchard — { L S }

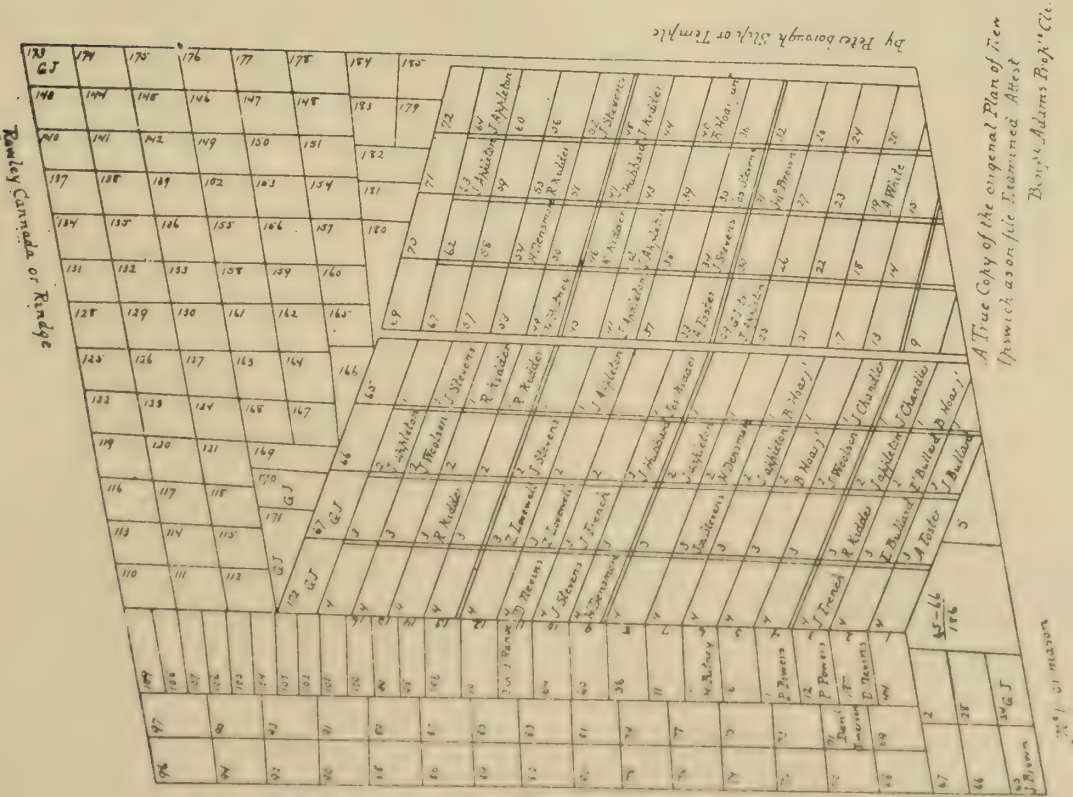
this being a true Copy of the Original Charter Examined December 25<sup>th</sup> 1753,

attest Benj<sup>a</sup> Adams Prop<sup>rs</sup> Clerk

Copy from the Files Examined

Geo: Jaffrey Prop<sup>rs</sup> Cl

[Benjamin Adams's Copy of Plan.]



The Copy of the original Plan of New Ipswich  
by George Jaffrey

[*John Stevens's Certificate, 1752.*]

[*Masonian Papers, Vol. 7, p. 84.*]

Midd<sup>x</sup> ss Wheareas m<sup>r</sup> Benjamin Adams on the 24 Day of June: 1752 was Chosen Clerk of The Proprietors of the Township of New Ipswich so Called lying in the Province of New Hampshire

This may Certefie that the above Said Adams Personally Appeare- ing was Sworn To the faithfull Discharge of that Trust

Before me

John Stevens Just<sup>t</sup> of Peace

Townshend July A: D 1752

[*Reserved Lots, 1751.*]

[*Masonian Papers, Vol. 7, p. 86.*]

	North Division	South Division	Ranges	New laid out		Numbers of the Lotts	in the after Division
Colonol Atkinson . . . .	43 61					84	107
Mr Thomas Packer . . . .		4 4	13 7			82	83
Mr Mark hunking Wentworth . .	38 39					67	94
John Moffatt . . . . .	14	2	14			80	81
George Jaffrey . . . . .	29			24		172	173
John Rindge . . . . .		3	9	11		176	177
John Wentworth . . . . .		1	8	56		87	109
Joshua Peirce . . . . .		3	8	2		89	90
Nathaniel Meserve . . . . .		1	5	10		102	93
Richard Wibird . . . . .				28	2 for 2: in the 13 Range Laid for the minister	162	165
Jotham Odiorne . . . . .	23	3	5			68	95
Jn <sup>o</sup> Tomlinson & Jn <sup>o</sup> Tufton Mason	59			60		163	164
Dan <sup>l</sup> Peirce & Mary Moor . .	13	3	15			167	169
Matthew Livermoor . . . .	62	1	7			126	128
William Parker . . . . .	58			44		160	161
Tho <sup>s</sup> Wallingford . . . . .		4 3	8 4			85	86
Col <sup>o</sup> Joseph Blanchard . . . .		4 4	4 2			155	157
Solley & March . . . . .		4	15	64		181	182



Taken from the Records of the Prop<sup>rs</sup> of Lands Called New Ipswich the 25<sup>th</sup> of Dec<sup>r</sup> 1753—

The men above mentioned are the Eighteen Grantors of the Town Ship of New Ipswich and they have Drawn their lotts as they are above Entered the First Two lotts was Drawn at Donstable July y<sup>e</sup> 10<sup>th</sup> 1750: the other two lotts was drawn at New Ipswich the 28<sup>th</sup> day of May 1751—

This being a True Copy

at<sup>t</sup> Benj<sup>a</sup> Adams Prop<sup>rs</sup> Clerk

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[*Acceptance of Charter, 1753.*]

[*Masonian Papers, Vol. 7, p. 85.*]

Whereas the Proprietors of the Lands, in the Province of New-hampshire purchased by them, of John Tuftin Mason Esqr, who Sold them Under the Title made by A Common Recovery, did on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of April 1750 Grant the Quantity of thirty Square Miles part of S<sup>d</sup> Lands, bounded &c Under Certain Considerations, Limitations, Reservations, in S<sup>d</sup> Grant, Mentioned as by the Charter of S<sup>d</sup> Town Reference thereto being had as will fully Appear, Unto the Grantees, of S<sup>d</sup> Township; Voted that we do hereby except S<sup>d</sup> Title, and for Ourselves, our Heirs and Essigns, do Acknowledge that we hold S<sup>d</sup> Lands, Under S<sup>d</sup> Title, Conditions, & Limitations, with y<sup>e</sup> Reservations in S<sup>d</sup> Charter Mentioned: Taken from the Records of the Prop<sup>rs</sup> of Lands Call<sup>d</sup> New-Ipswich the 25 of Dec<sup>r</sup> 1753 This being Voted at their Proprietors Meeting held at the house of M<sup>r</sup> Benj<sup>a</sup> Hoar<sup>s</sup> on December y<sup>e</sup> 19, 1753.

This being a Trew Copy of the Vote :

attest Benj<sup>a</sup> Adams Prop<sup>rs</sup> cler

[*Draft of Lots.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 7, pp. 87, 88.]

	North Division	South Division	Ranges	New layd out		Numbers of the Lots	in the after Divisions
Reuben Kidder . . .	46 55					76	77
Reuben Kidder . . .		1	13			131	132
		1	14				
Reuben Kidder . . .		3	14			96 for 2 lotts	
		3	3				
Archable White & . . .	19						
Joseph Bullard . . .		2	1			175	179
Capt <sup>t</sup> Jonas Woolson . . .		2	4			198	121
		2	15				
Abijah Foster . . .	33	3	1			152	159
John Brown . . .	31			65		60 for 2 lotts	
Benjamin Hoar Jur <sup>r</sup> . . .	40	1	2			149	150
Benj <sup>a</sup> Hoar Jur <sup>r</sup> . . .		2	5			74	66
		1	6				
Timothy Heald . . .				63 66		186	141
Joseph Kidder . . .	48	1	9			148	151
Ebenezer Bullard . . .		2	2			129	130
		3	2				
Joseph Stevens . . .	35	3	7			44 for 2 lotts	
Henry Puttney . . .	49			7		124	122
John Chandler . . .		1	3			108	105
		1	4				
Hannah Dinsmoor . . .		4	9		To do two du- ties	125	137
	54	2	7				
Rever <sup>d</sup> Mr Daniel Emerson . . .				71		133	192
David Nevens . . .		4	11	187		78	79
Capt <sup>t</sup> Peter Powers . . .				1		71 for 2 lotts	
				12			
Major Zacheus Lovewell . . .		3	11			145	140
		3	12				
Capt <sup>t</sup> Joseph French . . .		4	3			146	147
		3	10				
Major Jonathan Hubbard . . .	47	2	9			92	88
Esqr John Stevens . . .	34	2	12		Joyning to Strip town line—	188	142



	North Division	South Division	Ranges	New laid out		Numbers of the Lotts	in the after Divisions
John Stevens . . . .		4	10	5		98	99
John Stevens . . . .	52	1	15			28 for 2	lotts
Mr Isaac Appleton . . . .	63					117	116
	42						
Isaac Appleton . . . .	41	2	16			138	139
Isaac Appleton . . . .	64	1	11			170	171
Isaac Appleton . . . .		2	8			72 for 2	lotts
		2	3				
Isaac Appleton . . . .		2	6	64		183	184
Isaac Appleton . . . .	9			72	norwest corner of the old lotts	123	119
Mr Tho <sup>s</sup> Adams . . . .	25					166	168
	21						
Tho <sup>s</sup> Adams . . . .	22	4	14			24 for 2	lotts
Tho <sup>s</sup> Adams . . . .	17	1	16			156	158
Tho <sup>s</sup> Adams . . . .	18	2	10			178	180
Tho <sup>s</sup> Adams . . . .	50					70 for 2	lotts
	51						
Cap <sup>t</sup> Rob <sup>t</sup> Choat . . . .		4	1			73 for 2	lotts
		1	10				
William Brown . . . .	30	4	6			120	144
Nathaniel Smith . . . .	45	3	13			154 for 2	lotts
Tho <sup>s</sup> Dennis . . . .	57			67		56 for 2	lotts
Natha <sup>l</sup> Smith . . . .		3	16			91	103
		4	12				
Andrew Spaulding . . . .		1	12				
and John Marsh . . . .	37					153 for 2	lotts
Isaac Patch halfe a Right . . . .		4	5		part of the old 80 acre lott N <sup>o</sup> 15 for his after Right		
Major Zacheus Lovewell . . . .		2	11	186		115	143
the first Minister Right . . . .	32	2	13			75	106
the ministerall Right . . . .	20	4	16		Two lotts in the west end of the Strip Joyning to strip Town line		
the Schoole Right . . . .			13	174		180	111
				134			
Benja <sup>a</sup> Hoar . . . .	26			16		135	136
Benja <sup>a</sup> Hoar . . . .	36					69	104
	53						
Francies . . . .		3	6	66		97 for 2	lotts
Col <sup>l</sup> John Choat . . . .	27					113	114
William Peters . . . .				70			

Taken from the Records of the Prop<sup>rs</sup> of Lands Called new Ipswich the 25<sup>th</sup> of Dec<sup>r</sup> 1753—

This being a True Copy of the Schedule of the Grantees lotts,  
attest Benj<sup>a</sup> Adams Prop<sup>rs</sup> Clerk

[Plan of Lots.]

Edmund Cheney Jun<sup>r</sup>  
Tobias Smith  
Benj<sup>a</sup> Adams

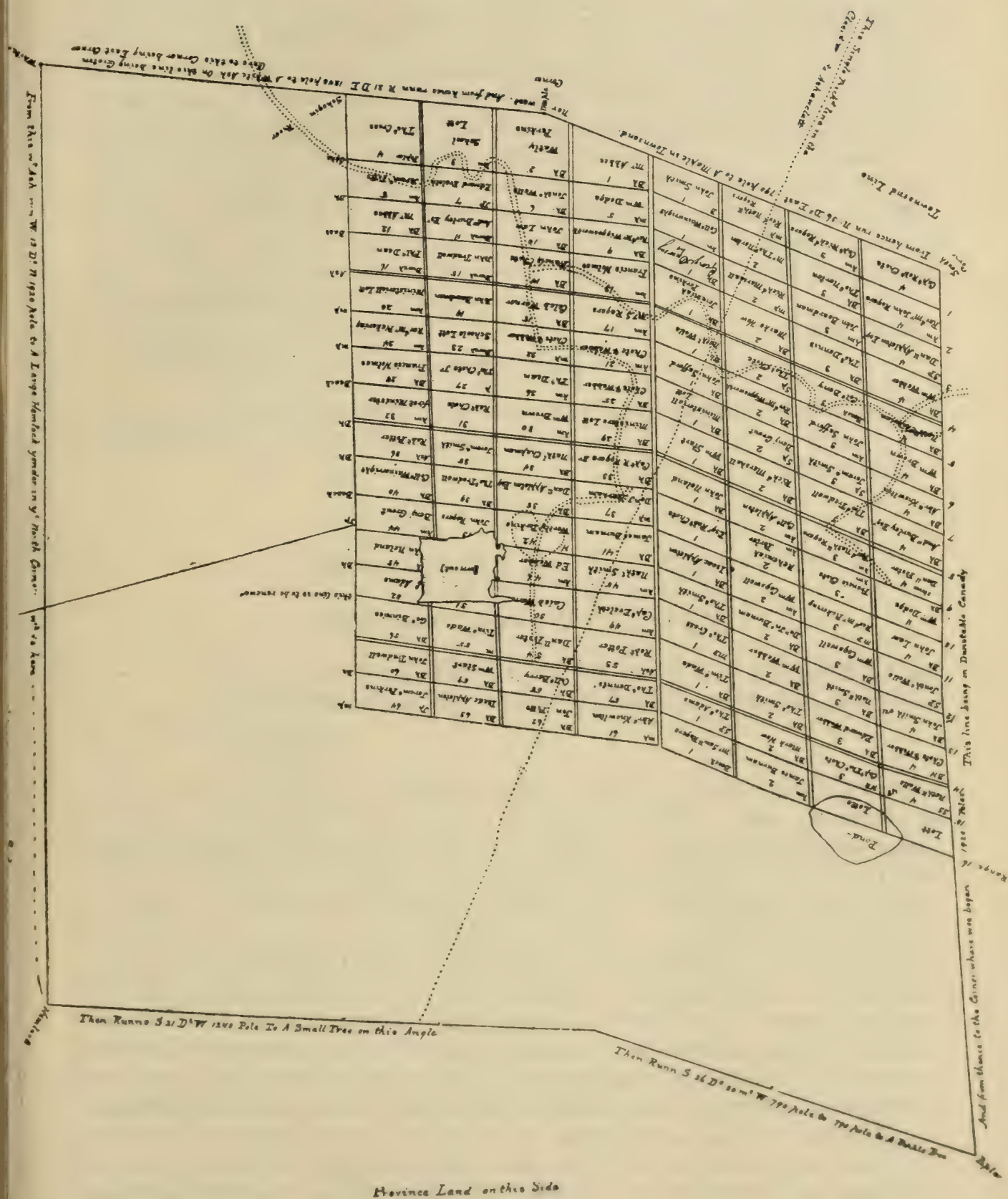
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[Isaac Howe to George Jaffrey, 1768.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 7, p. 89.]

Sir be pleas'd to Give me Leave to mind your Honour of a few things, first, your Honour may Remember you Desier'd me to Summons Evedences to prove Sum Trespases, which I did, and I went Seven miles to the Town of Renge for two, to prove the Trespas on m<sup>rs</sup> Wiberts Land, and Ever Sence til I paid them, they kept asking me for the pay, I told them the Lords would pay them when the bil of Cost was made up, So kept them Easey til the Cost was Recoverd, then they Said they went Seven miles to the Stumps to Sware









and they would Sue if I would not pay them the fee, So Rather than they Should Sue I paid them, my Self, So be pleasd to think of the Servis I have Done, and my paying them to prevent Suing (your Honour told me, if you Remember, that if I would persue the Rioters in the Law, I Should have Sum Consideration made me, I did it So that they quit pretention to the Land and Left the Province) but I Leave all to your jenerosity not Douting but that your Honour will think I Deserve Sumthing for these things; I Should be glad if your Honour would Send by the barer Esq Hobard, your mind on the affair or whether there is anything for me, if nothing, I Shall think no more of it, nor ask no more, any way. So I Remain your most Humble and most obedient Servent

New Ipswich Dec ye 31<sup>st</sup> 1768

Isaac How

To the Honourable George Jeffry Esq

P S be pleasd to perdon me whatever may appear harsh, insipid, Superfluous or a mis in this Letter

Isaac How

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[ *Writ in Jaffrey vs. Pratt*, 1790.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 7, p. 90.]

~~~~~ HILLSBOROUGH, } THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.  
 { L S. } *To the sheriff of our county of Hillsborough his undersher-*  
 { *iff or deputy,*  
 ~~~~~ Greeting.

We command you to summon John Pratt of New Ipswich in said County Gentleman (if he may be found within your precinct) to appear before our justices of our inferiour court of common pleas, next to be holden at Amherst, within and for our said county of Hillsborough, on the second Tuesday of June next then and there in our said court to answer unto George Jaffrey of Portsmouth in our County of Rockingham Esq<sup>r</sup> in an action of ejectment wherein the Pla<sup>t</sup> demands against the said Pratt seizen and possession of a certain tract of land situate in said New Ipswich being the lot numbered one hundred & seventy in the second division and containing by estimation sixty five acres more or less & bounded north on lot number one hundred and sixty nine west on lot number one hundred & eighteen south on lot number one hundred & seventy one & east on lot number sixty seven as originally laid out in s<sup>d</sup> Town whereupon the Pla<sup>t</sup> saith that within twenty years last past he was seized of the premises

in his demesne as of fee and ought now to be in the actual possession thereof Yet the said Pratt hath since entered upon the s<sup>d</sup> premises ejected the Pla<sup>t</sup> therefrom and stil unjustly withholds the possession thereof from him

To the damage of the said George as he saith the sum of one hundred pounds, which shall then and there be made to appear, with other due damages. And have you there this writ, with your doings therein.

Witness Timothy Farrar esquire, at Amherst the thirteenth day of May anno domini, 1790

Rob<sup>t</sup> Fletcher Clerk.

Rob<sup>t</sup> Fletcher Cl

True copy Att

Hillsboro ss 17. May 1790 Pursuant to this precept I have summoned the within named Pratt to appear at the Court within mentioned as the law directs by giving him an attested copy of this writ

Travel service & copy 6/8

Isaac Appleton D Sheriff

Rob<sup>t</sup> Fletcher Cl

True copy Att

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[*Judgment, Jaffrey vs. Pratt*, 1791.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 7, p. 90.]

May 1791

Hillsbo ss agreeable to this Rule of Court, We the Refrees having met and duly notified the Parties (who appeared) and having fully heard their respective proofs and Allegations beg leave to Report, that y<sup>e</sup> plaintiff recover against the Defen<sup>t</sup> Pratt, Seizen & Possession of the following tract of Land, described in the Plan<sup>ts</sup> declaration, that is to Say, the lot numbered one hundred & Seventy as mentioned in the before recited Declaration—begining at y<sup>e</sup> Northeasterly Corner of said Lot, at a heap of Stones about eighty rods Southerly of a certain Beach tree fairly marked & reputed as the North east Corner of the Lot Numbered 169 & from said heap of Stones—which is adjudged the original Corner of said Lot Numbered 170 Westerly about 196 rods by Lot Numbered 169 about 146 rod to the westerly line of the gore so called. also that the Plan<sup>t</sup> recover Cost of Court to be taxed in Legal form and Cost of Reference being—

for Smith's Defe<sup>ts</sup> 2.18.0 which was Deducted from Plan<sup>ts</sup> Demand 5.3.3 —



[*Note about Bounds.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 7, p. 90.]

William Clary Nath<sup>l</sup> Carlton Isaac Appleton j<sup>r</sup> are knowing to the marks of y<sup>e</sup> bounds between Lot 169—170—in New Ipswich Roger Gilmore of Jaffrey Survey<sup>r</sup> & Chainman Cap<sup>t</sup> Eph<sup>m</sup> Hartwell of New Ipswich a Survey<sup>r</sup> & Referree

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[*Charles Barrett's Bond*, 1792.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 7, p. 90.]

Received of John Peirce Eliz<sup>a</sup> Wentworths Deed to John Cutter for two Lots of Land in New Ipswich for the Consideration of one hundred & Forty four pounds, for the Security of which payment said Cutter is to give a Note & mortgage on said Land, I have also received of said John Edw<sup>d</sup> B. Longs and Wifes Deed to Ephraim Adams for half of two Lots of Land in said Town for the Consideration of thirty nine pounds 12/ for which I am to take said Adams Note to pay in two Years with interest from the date of the Deed, said Cutters Note is also to be on interest, which I will get done or return said Deeds in Six Months—Jan<sup>y</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> 1792

Charles Barrett

for Thomlinsons Land in New Ipswich & Peterborough

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## NEW LONDON.

[Granted by the Masonian Proprietors to William Symes and others as *Heidleburg* June 5, 1753. Regranted as *Alexandria Addition* July 7, 1773, to Jonas Minot and others. Incorporated as New London June 25, 1779, and named from London, Eng. A part of Kearsarge Gore was annexed June 19, 1793. Portions of Sunapee were annexed Dec. 11, 1804, and June 19, 1817. The northerly part was combined with a part of Kearsarge Gore and incorporated as Wilmot, June 18, 1807.

See XIII, Hammond Town Papers, 1; Index to Laws, 403; sketch, by J. E. Sargent, Hurd's History of Merrimack County, 1885, p. 421; Centennial, 2, Granite Monthly, 311, 341, 369; Baptist Churches in N. H., by E. E. Cummings, 1836, p. 11; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, p. 400; Notes, by J. Farmer, 18. Collections of Mass. Historical Society, 173; Great Whirlwind, 1821, Collections of N. H. Historical Society, 241; New London Scythe Co., 5, Granite Monthly, 33; The Dividing Line, A Sketch of New London, 19, *id.*, 93.]

[*Charter of Heidleburg, 1753.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 7, p. 91.]

Province of } Pursuant to the Power & Authority granted &  
New Hamp<sup>r</sup> } vested me the Subscriber by the Proprietors of Lands  
purchased of John Tufton Mason Esq<sup>r</sup> in the Province of New Hamp<sup>r</sup>  
by their vote passed at their meeting Held at Portsmouth in Said  
Province the Sixth Day of December 1751—

I Do by these Presents on the Terms Conditions with the Reservations herein after expressed give & grant all the Right Title Property & Possession of the Proprietors aforesaid unto William Symes Esq<sup>r</sup> Eleazer Farwell Samuel Sarles Samuel Huson Philip Olerick Abial Richardson, John Hutchinson Thomas M<sup>c</sup>Cloughlin Isaac Colburn William Cox Jonathan Butterfield Charles Cox Benjamin Farwell Oliver Colburn, William Evers Benjamin French William Harris Jonathan Farwell Benjamin Thompson Phinehas Underwood Ezekiel Greale Robert Fletcher Joseph Butterfield Jun. Joseph Wright Zacheus Spaulding Mark Gould Benoni Juel Thomas Juel Reuben Butterfield Jonathan Griffin Daniel Merrill, Samuel Merrill Jun. Nehemiah Lovewell Henry Snow Peter Prescott Stephen Hosmore Jun<sup>r</sup> John Fox Jacob Fletcher Elijah Fletcher Samuel Burbank Henry Chase Samuel Grele Jun<sup>r</sup> Benjamin Winn Samuel Grele Sen<sup>r</sup> William Taylor Thomas Parker Robert Fletcher Jun<sup>r</sup> Joseph Blanchard Jun<sup>r</sup> Stephen Addams John French Jun<sup>r</sup>—of In and to that Tract of Land or Township lying in the Province of New Hamp<sup>r</sup> afores<sup>d</sup> Containing Twenty Three Thousand and Forty Acres Bounded as Followeth Begining at a Beach Tree in the western Line of Mason's Patent fifty eight Miles Northwardly from the Province Line at the Southwestward Corner of a Tract of Land or Township Granted to Joseph Butterfield Jun<sup>r</sup> and His Associats (Cal<sup>d</sup> Alexandria) From thence Run'ing South Sixty five Degrees East Six miles and One half to an Elm Tree mark<sup>d</sup> with a heap of Stones about it from thence South Forty Eight Degrees West Six Miles to a Tree mark<sup>d</sup> from thence North Sixty five Degrees west Six miles and one half To a Beach Tree Mark<sup>d</sup> Standing in the afore Said Line of Masons Pattent from thence on the Pattent Line afore said to the Bounds first Mentiond said Tract or Township is Call<sup>d</sup> Hiddleburg—to them their Heirs & Assigns To have & to hold on the following Terms and Conditions with the Reservations herein after expressed viz<sup>t</sup> that the Tract or Township aforesaid be Divided into One Hundred and Twenty three Equal Shares Two Lots at the Least to each Share to be finished & Drawn for in Some equitable and Publick manner at or before the last Day of November 1755—



that three of the aforesaid Shares be and hereby are granted free from Charge one for the first settled minister one for the ministry and one for the School There forever that Twenty more of the said Shares be reserved for the Grantors their Heirs and Assigns forever and acquitted from all Duty & Charge untill Improved by the Owners or Some holding under them Respectively —

That the Owners of the other Shares make Settlements at their own Expence in the following Manner Viz<sup>t</sup> Each Grantee at the Expiration of five years from the Last Day of November next after the Date hereof have three Acres Parcel of his Right Respectively Cleared inclosed & fitted for mowing or Tillage, three Acres more Cleared inclosed and fitted as aforesaid then next Annually for three Years & at the End of the three Years which will be on the last Day of November 1761 have Each a dwelling house built & finished fit and Comfortable for a Family to Dwell in & a Family or some Person to inhabit & Continue Inhabitaney there for three Years then next Coming. That a Convenient Meeting House be built in Said Township within Eight years from this Date & Ten Acres of Land Reserved there for Publick use. That the Lands in Said Township Belonging to Grantors & Grantees be subjected to have all Necessary High-ways laid thro' them as there Shall be Occasion for the Future

That the afore said Grantees their Heirs or Assigns by a Major Vote in Publick Meeting Called for that Purpose Grant and Assess in Equal Proportion Such Sum or Sums of Money as they Shall think necessary for Carrying forward & Compleating the Settlement aforesaid and every of the Grantees exclusive of the three public Lots or his Assigns who Shall neglect for the Space of Sixty Days after Such Assessment Shall be Granted to Pay the Same so much of Such Delinquents Right Shall and may be Sold as will Pay the Respective Taxes & all charges arising thereon by a Committee to be appointed by the Grantees or their Assignees for that Purpose —

And in Case any of the Grantees or their Assignees Shall neglect or Refuse to Preform any of the articles matters or things aforesaid by Him respectively to be Done he Shall forfeit his Right in Said Township and Every Part thereof to those of the Grantees or their immediate Assigns who Shall Have Comply'd with the Conditions on their Part herein Express'd And it Shall and may be Lawful for them or any Person by their Authority to Enter Into and upon the Right or Part of Such Delinquents Owners & any and every Part in the name and behalf of the whole of the Grantees or their immediate Assigns who Shall Comply as aforesaid to amove Oust

And expel for the use of them their heirs and Assigns — Provided they Settle or Cause to be Settled Each Such Delinquents Right within the Term of One Year at the furthest from the Perieods that is by this Instrument Stipulated to be Done as the Condition of this Grant and fully Comply with the whole Duty such Delinquent Ought to have Done within One Year from time to time after the Respective Perieods thereof And in Case the Gratees or their Assignees fullfilling their Parts as afore said Shall neglect fullfilling as afore Said the Duty of any Delinquent owner As afore said then such Right or Part Shall be forfeit Revert and belong to the Grantors their Heirs & Assigns and be wholly at their Disposal—Always provided there be no Indian War within any of the Terms Afore said for Doing the Duty Conditioned in this Grant and in Case that should Happen the Same Time to be Allow'd for the Respective matters aforesaid after Such Impediment Shall be Removed.—

Lastly that all White Pine Trees fit for Masting his Majestys Royal Navy growing on said Tract of Land be & hereby are Granted to his Majestys his heirs & Successors forever. To All which Premises I Joseph Blanchard agent for and in behalf of the Proprietors the Grantors Have hereto Set my Hand and Seal this fifth Day of June in the Twenty Sixth Year of his Majestys Reign — Anno. Dominiq 1753 —

Joseph Blanchard { L. S. }

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Robert Fletcher Proprietors Clerk

[*Acceptance of Charter, 1753.*]

[*Masonian Papers, Vol. 7, p. 92.*]

At a Meeting of the Prop<sup>rs</sup> (the Grantees) of the Tract of Land or Township Cal<sup>d</sup> Hiddleburg in the Province of New Hampshire held at Dunstable the twelfth Day of June 1753—

the Following Vote Passed unanimously—

Whereas the Prop<sup>rs</sup> of Land in the Province of New Hampshire purchased by them of John Tufton Mason Esq who sold them under the Title made by a Comon Recovery did on the fifth Day of June — afore s<sup>d</sup> Grant the Quantity of Twenty Three Thousand and forty acres (by Estimation Part of S<sup>d</sup> Lands Bounded as Followeth Beginning at a Beach Tree in the western Line of Masons Pattent fifty Eight miles northwardly from the Province Line at the Southwest-



wardly Corner of a Tract of Land or Township Granted to Joseph Butterfield Jun<sup>r</sup> and His Associates Cal<sup>d</sup> Alexandria From thence Runing South Sixty five Degrees East Six miles and one half to an Elm Tree mark<sup>d</sup> with a heap of Stones about it from thence Runing South forty Eight Degrees west Six miles to a Tree mark<sup>d</sup> from thence North Sixty five Degrees west Six miles and one half to a Beach Tree mark<sup>d</sup> Standing in the afore s<sup>d</sup> Line of Masons Pattent from thence on the Pattent Line afore s<sup>d</sup> to the Bounds first mentioned Which Tract of Land or Township is Cal<sup>d</sup> Hiddleburg — unto William Symes Esq Eleazer Farwell Samuel Sarles Samuel Huson Philip Olerick Abial Richardson John Hutchinson Thomas M<sup>c</sup>Claughlin Isaac Colburn William Cox Jonathan Butterfield Charles Cox Benjamin Farwell Oliver Colburn William Eysers Benjamin French William Harris Jonathan Farwell Benjamin Thompson Phinehas Underwood Ezekiel Greale Robert Fletcher Joseph Butterfield Ju<sup>r</sup> Joseph Wright Zacheius Spaulding Mark Gould Benoni Juel Thomas Juel Reuben Butterfield Jonathan Griffin Daniel Merrill Samuel Merrill Ju<sup>r</sup> Nehemiah Lovewell Henry Snow Peter Prescott Stephen Hosmore Jun<sup>r</sup> John Fox Jacob Fletcher Elijah Fletcher Samuel Burbank Henry Chase Samuel Grele Jun<sup>r</sup> Benjamin Winn Samuel Grele Sene<sup>r</sup> William Taylor Thomas Parker Robert Fletcher Jun<sup>r</sup> Joseph Blanchard Jun<sup>r</sup> Stephen Addams John French Jun<sup>r</sup>—Under Certain Conditions Limitations and Reservations in s<sup>d</sup> Grant mention<sup>d</sup> as by Referance thereto will fully Appear therefore voted—

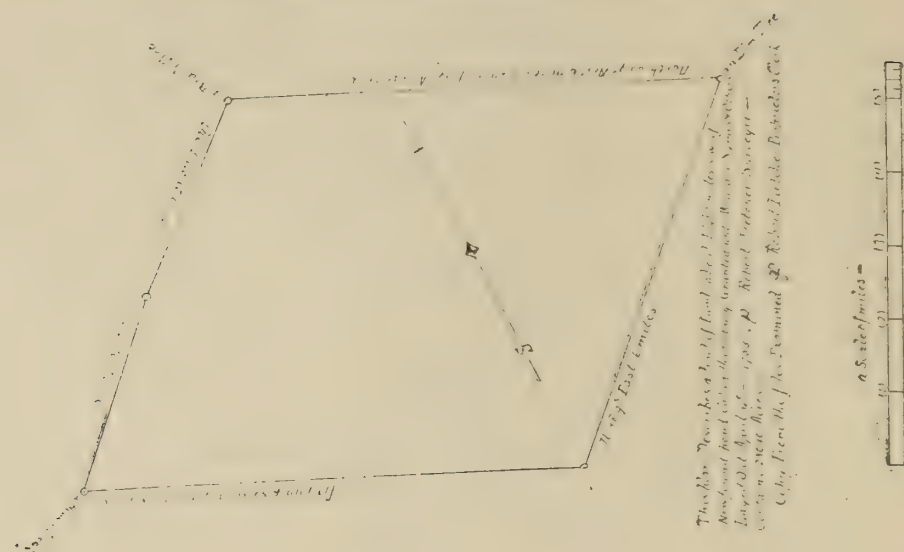
That wee do hereby acept s<sup>d</sup> Title & for our Selves our Heirs & assigns do accknowledge that we hold s<sup>d</sup> Lands under said Title Conditions & Limetations with the Reservations therein Mentioned——

Extract From y<sup>e</sup> votes Examined

⌘<sup>r</sup> J Blanchard Moderator

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⌘<sup>r</sup> Rober<sup>t</sup> Fletcher Propietors Clerk

[*Plan of Heidleburg, 1753.*][*Grant As Alexandria Addition, 1773.*]

## [Masonian Proprietors' Records, July 7, 1773.]

Voted Also That there be and hereby is granted unto the before-named Jonas Minott, Jonathan Bagley, William Bailey, John Talford, William Talford, Matthew Thornton, Robert McMurphy, Daniel Rindge and Joshua Talford, on the Terms, conditions Limitations & reservations herein after exprest, a Certain tract of land situated in the County of Hillsborough & Province of New Hampshire, bounded as follow's viz<sup>t</sup> begining at the Southwesterly Corner of Alexandria aforesaid on the Pattent line, and Runing on said Pattent line, to Fishersfield Corner, in Great Sunnipe Pond, from thence East, on the Northerly side line of Fishersfield, four hundred seventy two Rods to Parrys Town Corner, then North eighty five degrees East about four miles to a beach tree marked, on Parrystown Line, from thence North thirty nine degrees East, about Sixteen hundred & seventy two rods to a beach tree marked in Alexandria Corner, from thence North twelve degrees West, to the Pattent line aforementioned on the westerly side of said Alexandria, To Have & to Hold to the said Minot his heirs & assigns forever the one moiety of said Land, and to the said Jonathan Bagley, William Bailey, John Talford, William Talford, Matthew Thornton, Robert McMurphy, Daniel Rindge, & Joshua Talford, and to their respective heirs and Assigns forever, the other Moiety thereof, according to their respective Rights and shares in said Alexandria, upon the following Terms, Conditions, Limitations & Reservations, That is to Say, That one third part of said Land, is



hereby reserved to the said Grantors, their heirs and assigns forever, Viz<sup>t</sup> Lott Number 74, N<sup>o</sup> 40, N<sup>o</sup> 128, N<sup>o</sup> 38, N<sup>o</sup> 49, N<sup>o</sup> 122, N<sup>o</sup> 24, N<sup>o</sup> 94, N<sup>o</sup> 119, N<sup>o</sup> 121, N<sup>o</sup> 70, N<sup>o</sup> 95, N<sup>o</sup> 58, N<sup>o</sup> 10, N<sup>o</sup> 50, N<sup>o</sup> 36, N<sup>o</sup> 55, N<sup>o</sup> 67, N<sup>o</sup> 136, N<sup>o</sup> 126, N<sup>o</sup> 3, N<sup>o</sup> 84, N<sup>o</sup> 125, N<sup>o</sup> 17, N<sup>o</sup> 42, N<sup>o</sup> 29, N<sup>o</sup> 61, N<sup>o</sup> 90, N<sup>o</sup> 18, N<sup>o</sup> 37, N<sup>o</sup> 83, N<sup>o</sup> 102, N<sup>o</sup> 120, N<sup>o</sup> 43, N<sup>o</sup> 92, N<sup>o</sup> 118, N<sup>o</sup> 4, N<sup>o</sup> 106, N<sup>o</sup> 19, N<sup>o</sup> 14, N<sup>o</sup> 71, N<sup>o</sup> 7, N<sup>o</sup> 15, N<sup>o</sup> 39, & N<sup>o</sup> 46, and two lotts in the Plan return'd of said Tract, a third of which said two Lotts is reserved to said Grantors, and belongs to their said third part, of said land, besides the particular lotts beforemention'd, which said reserved third part shall be held by said Grantors, free from all Taxes, and charges whatever, that may arise concerning the Roads, building, Ministry, settlements and other Publick affairs, whatever, until the Grantors Lands shall be improved, & then only the particular Lott so improved, shall be liable, and all the white pine trees fit for his Majesty's Use, for Masting his Royal Navy, growing on said Premises are hereby reserved for that Use,—That said Grantees shall have thirty Families on every twenty thousand Acres on said Tract hereby granted, and so in the same proportion for a greater or less quantity of land, and all the settlers to be got on and reside on said Land within three years from the date of this Grant, which tract of land being supposed of an Oblong form, shall be divided in the Centre into two Parishes, and that in each parish shall be laid out in the center thereof, or as near as may be, a lot in a square form, containing at least ten Acres, for a Burying Yard, Training Field, Meeting house and other Public Uses forever, And nearly adjoyning to said Lot, another of one hundred & fifty Acres, for the use of a Publick School, also another Lott of One hundred & fifty Acres, for the use of the first settled Minister forever, another Lott adjoyning thereto of one hundred & fifty acres, for the use of the Ministry forever, That said Grantees build an house for Publick Worship, of thirty Six feet square at Least On said ten Acre lot within three years from the date hereof and Also within that time shall build a Saw Mill and Grist Mill, and if any Grantee or Grantees, in three years from this date, shall not settle the Number of Families required to be settled, by this Grant in proportion to his Right or Share in said Land, such delinquent Grantee or Grantees, shall forfeit to said Grantors their heirs and assigns so much of such delinquents Right or shares in said land, as shall amount to one thirtieth part of the whole of said Grant for the use of said Grantors, as if this Grant had never been made, and it shall be lawfull for them their Heirs & Assigns, or their attorney duly appointed to reenter into any such Rights or Lands and become resei'd & repossessed of the same, The Duty of Settlement is hereby meant, that upon each settling Lott there shall be built a dwelling

house equal to sixteen feet square, and six Acres improved in Mowing, Tillage and under fence,—That within Ninety days from this date, the lotts of said Grantees, shall be drawn or divided, and a Schedule of the Numbers returned to the said Grantors within that time, with a list of the settling Lotts, & the lotts thereto belonging, and that said Grantees within said ninety days, shall Vote an Acceptance of both said Grants, and make a record of such Acceptance,—The land in said Tract given to the abovenamed William Bailey is to be understood as granted to him, upon this condition, that in case he consent to take his part given in said Alexandria, as in the Grant thereof *of even date with this*, and to draw for the share given herein to him, in Proportion to his Right or Share beforemention'd, Then he shall be intitled to what is herein given to him, otherwise the same is hereby granted, to the other Grantees and to their heirs and Assigns in the same Proportion as the other lands herein given them,—

That each Grantee Shall give to the Grantors Bonds in the penal sum of five hundred pounds lawfull Money in the whole, for the performance of the said terms and conditions of Settlement according to this Grant, which Bonds shall be given within three months, in proportion to each Grantee's Right in said Lands, and if any Grantee or Grantees, shall refuse or neglect to sign such Bonds within that time, his or their Rights or Shares, shall be forfeited for the use of the Grantees who shall sign such bond, To Hold to them their Heirs & assigns in proportion to each Grantees Right in said Grant,—

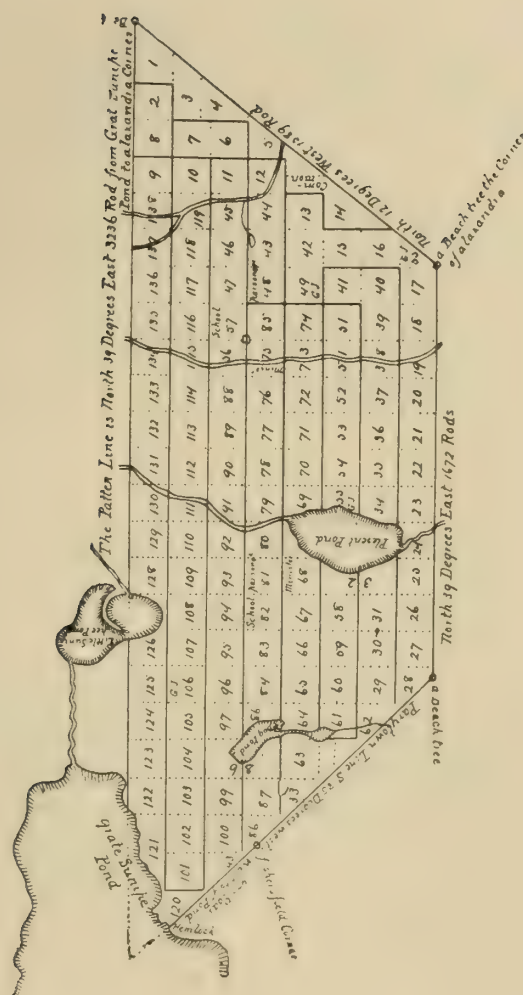
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[*Plan and Description of Alexandria Addition, 1773.*]

June y<sup>e</sup> 1: 1773 by the Desire of Mathew Thornton Esq<sup>r</sup> and M<sup>r</sup> Robert M<sup>c</sup>murphy boath of Londonderry I have Ben and Tock a Survey of all the Land Laying betwen Alaxandrea and fishersfeald and Part of Parytown on the Easterly Side of the Patten Line as is Shewn by the Plan here in Closed and acording to the Best observation I Cold make of the Qulety of Said Land in General it appears to be more Ruff and Poor Land than anney I Saw in the Nabering Town it being Very mountanes and Rockey the Lower Land Generly Cold and Sproosey boggs I Did not See a Grat Deal of Alaxandrea but Perry town is acording to the best of my Judment much beter Land in General than the Adition To Alaxandrea which I Lotted out Gentleman m<sup>r</sup> Minort Desired my Judgment and to take Porticuler Notes as to the Goodnes of the Land and To Send it in writing with the Plan, Genl<sup>n</sup> your most Humble Sar<sup>t</sup>

Jeremiah Page





June y<sup>e</sup> 1:1773 This Plan Sheweth y<sup>e</sup> Number of Lotts in the addition of Alaxandrea Joyning on the South westerly Sid of Said Alaxandr and the Easton side of the Patten Line to Grate Sunipe Pond then by Said Pond to fisherfield then Easterly on fisherfeald to Parryton North Line then Down Parrytown Line Easterly to a Beach Tree marked thence North 39 Degrees East to a beach tree which is the Corner of Said alaxandra: it is Divided in to 137 Lotts Each Lott Containing 150 acrs Numbered as is Set Down in the Plan Lay<sup>d</sup> Down by a Scale of one Mild to one Inch and as Covenant as the Land wold alow I Laid Tew Senter Squars of Ten acrs Each for Publick Uses as marked in the Plan the Ponds are as Near as Posable Laid in their Shape and Bignes and the Streems Drawd as thay Run throw Said Land Said Streems Run Easterly from the Patten Line mesured by me

Jeremiah Page Svayar of Land

John Tolford and Robart Memrphey Jun<sup>r</sup> Cheen man

June y<sup>e</sup> 23: 1773 Then Jeremiah Page apperead and made Solomn oath that this Plan of the addition of Alaxandrea by him Drafted is Just and Trew acording to the Best of his Skill and Judgment—

Before me—

Benj<sup>a</sup> Day Just Peac

the Lotts N<sup>o</sup> 55: and N<sup>o</sup> 43: and N<sup>o</sup> 86—Laying is two Peacs Each by Reason of Ponds Taken away Land out of them the Drawed Lins are Run and spoted the Pricked Lins are Not Run Nor Spoted but the Bounds are made at Each End of the Lotts and Numbered on the Bounds and I have a Record of what Sort of wood Each Bound is made upon or Stak

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[*Jonas Minot to George Jaffrey, 1780.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 7, p. 94.]

Sir Mr Day, one of the Persons for whom I applied for Land Near Newlondon Prays ye Proprietors to Adjourn their Meeting to the twenty Ninth Day of this Instant when he Expects to Bring ye money for his Land. the oather persons will Send at ye Same Time or as Soon as possable, which is all at present from your Most humble Ser<sup>t</sup>

Concord June 9th 1780

Jonas Minot

To the Honr<sup>ble</sup> George Jeffery

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## NEWPORT.

[Granted as *Grenville* Jan. 1, 1753, to Isaac Pennell and others. Granted Oct. 6, 1761, to Nathaniel Fish and others, and incorporated as Newport. Named from Newport, R. I. The charter was renewed Feb. 2, 1769.

See New Hampshire charters in preceding volumes; X, Bouton Province and State Papers, 394, 398, 400, as to participation in movement for union with Vermont towns; XIII, Hammond Town Papers, 46; Index to Laws, 405; History, by Edmund Wheeler, 1879, pp. 600; sketch, by J. W. Parmelee, Hurd's History of Sullivan County, 1886, p. 200; sketch, by J. W. Parmelee, 3, Granite Monthly, 228, 269; address, centennial of Congregational Church, 1879, by A. S. Wait; Stewart's History of the Free Baptists, 1862, p. 302; Baptist Churches in N. H., by E. E. Cummings, 1836, pp. 9, 11, 17; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, p. 456; Great Whirlwind, 1821, 1, Collections of N. H. Historical Society, 241.]





A tract of Land or Part of a gore lying & being within y<sup>e</sup> Province of Newhamphshire, laying as follows (viz) between Wolfborough & Loveit's Town and between Tuftenborough & ossipee Pond: Direct'd to me by y<sup>e</sup> Committee for to lay out & Survey forty five: five hundred Acre lotts, & one four hundred acre lott, & to Run y<sup>e</sup> back lines of y<sup>e</sup> hundred Acre lotts on Pigwacket Road: Sd Survey is lay'd Down by & Protract'd on Said Plans

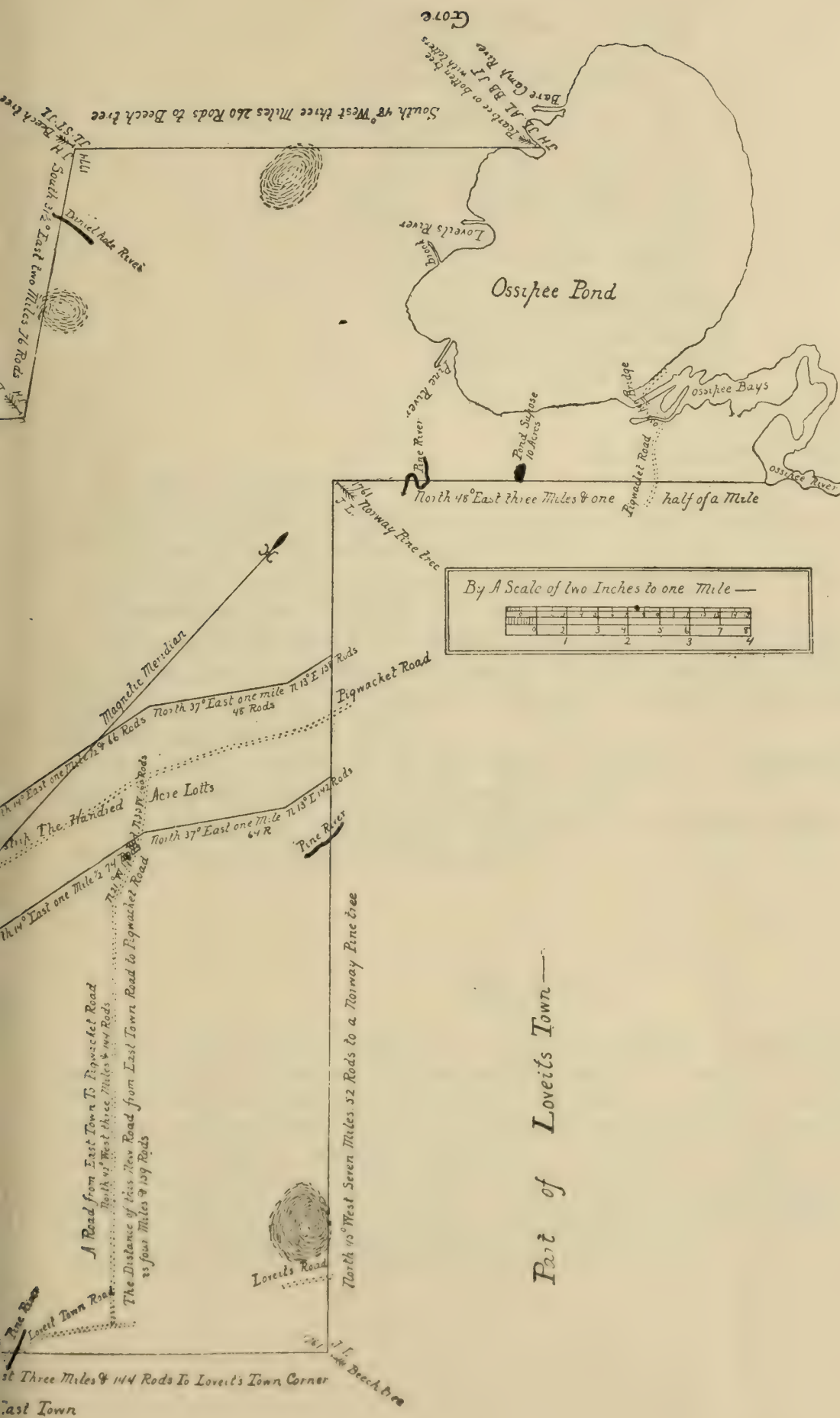
N. B. this Plan is y<sup>e</sup> out Side lines of S<sup>d</sup> tract of land, & in y<sup>e</sup> other Plan all y<sup>e</sup> inside lines is lay'd Down (viz) y<sup>e</sup> lotts Roads & all Remarkable thing Such as Ponds Rivers &c.  
Portsmouth Sep<sup>r</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> 1774

By James Hersey—

Minutes Beginning at y<sup>e</sup> East Corner of Wolfborough Addition at a Norway Pine tree Spoted & Marked with y<sup>e</sup> letters J W : from thence Bearing North 48° East or as y<sup>e</sup> head line of East Town runs, three Miles & 144 Rods to Loveits Town Corner at a beech tree Spoted & Market with y<sup>e</sup> Date of y<sup>e</sup> year, 1761, & letters : J L : from thence Bearing North 42° West or as Said Loveit's Town line Runs Seven Miles & 52 Rods to a norway Pine tree Spoted & Marked with letters : J L : from thence Bearing North 48° East three Miles to ossipee River from thence keeping the Course of ossipee River & Bays to ossipee pond : & from thence keeping y<sup>e</sup> Course of ossipee Pond to a Pear tree : Standing by y<sup>e</sup> Side of Said Pond, Spoted & Market, with y<sup>e</sup> Date of y<sup>e</sup> year 1774, & with letters J H : A L : J L : B B : J F : from thence Bearing South 48° West three Miles & 260 Rods to Tuffenborough line at a beech tree Spoted & marked with y<sup>e</sup> Date of y<sup>e</sup> year 1774 & letters J H : J L : S T : J L : from thence bearing South 31½° East or as Sd lines Runs, two Miles & 76 Rods to a beech tree Spoted & marked with letters J H : from thence bearing South 45° West or as Said Tuffenboro' line Runs : two Miles ½ & 26 Rods to a beech tree Spoted & marked with y<sup>e</sup> date of y<sup>e</sup> year 1774 & letters J H : A L : J L : J F : from thence Bearing South 45° East one Mile ¼ & 10 Rods to y<sup>e</sup> North Corner of Wolfborough then Containering Same course South : East on Wolfboro : line one Mile & 46 Rods to Wolfborough Addition at a beech tree Spoted & Marked with letters : S B : from thence bearing N° 45 E. 300 Rods to a beech tree Spoted & marked S B : from thence South 45° E. one Mile ½ & 72 Rods to a beech tree Spoted & marked : G H : from thence Bearing N : 45° E. 84 Rod to a beech tree : from thence Bearing South 45° East to y<sup>e</sup> Place first begun at :



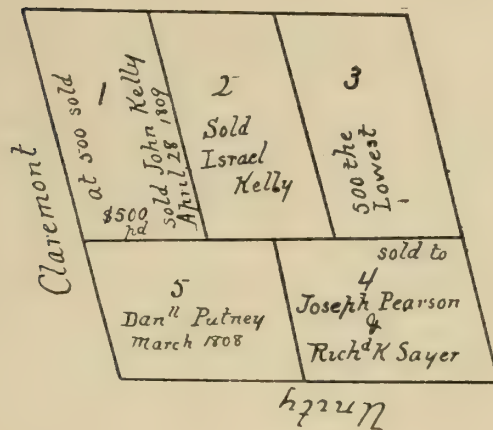
, 1774.]







[*Plan of Peirce Land.*]



Surveyed by Cutting Noyes.

Land is in Newport

This is a plan of 500 Acre Lot in Newport Laid out to Benning Wentworth & now owned by J P —

N<sup>o</sup> agreed to sell to Jason R. Hall & Luther Hawes—Deeds del<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> S. Gunnison Dec 25 1805

It is probable there is a mistake in the holders of this Land—it is believed that Jacob Kelly & Israel Kelley bought Lot N<sup>o</sup> 2 & 4 & that they sold Lot N<sup>o</sup> 2 to Jos Pearson & Rich<sup>d</sup> K Sawyer and the Kelley still hold Lot N<sup>o</sup> 2

Abraham Patterson of Henniker wishes to purchase N<sup>o</sup> 1—an answer in 30 Days at 600—April 14, 1808

Dan Putney to have Lot N<sup>o</sup> 5 at 450 Notes taken deed to be given March next by bond Sep 24 1807

OSSIPEE.

[Formerly known as *Ossipee Gore* and *New Garden*. Incorporated as Ossipee Feb. 22, 1785. That part of Ossipee Gore which was not included in Ossipee was annexed to Effingham Dec. 23, 1820. Named from a tribe of Indians who once lived in that vicinity. A part of the town was annexed to Tamworth Jan. 13, 1837. A portion of the same territory was reannexed to Ossipee June 23, 1859.

See XIII, Hammond Town Papers, 138; Index to Laws, 415, 416; sketch, Fergusson's History of Carroll County, 1889, p. 579; Stewart's History of the Free Baptists, 1862, pp. 252, 302; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, p. 585; Indian Mound in, 2, Farmer and Moore's Historical Collections, 45.]

[*Petition of Joseph Wait, 1770.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 7, p. 95.]

To The Honorable The Gentleman, Claimants of the Right of John Tufton Mason Esquire &c In New hampshire—

The Petition of Joseph Wait in behalf of himself and a number of others, who are very desirous of being Interested in the said Province—Most humbly Praying for a Grant of the unappropriated land in said Propriety, of the content of about 3000 Acres—where it may be found suitable for Settlement, near Ossapee Pond on the Road lately marked out by M<sup>r</sup> Nash—Hereby engaging to enter on the Premises immediately, & actually to improve & cultivate the same, agreeable to the Terms, upon which Your Hon<sup>s</sup> usually grant the said Lands. And y<sup>r</sup> Petitioner will ever Pray &c—

Portsm<sup>o</sup> 12<sup>th</sup> Sep<sup>t</sup> 1770—

Joseph Wait in behalf  
of himself & others

[*Notes about Settlements.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 7, p. 96.]

The Terms and Conditions for the Setlers on the hundred Acre Lots to be granted on the Road from Wolfborough to Leavets Town viz<sup>t</sup> That the Setler before entry on the Lot agreed by y<sup>e</sup> Com<sup>tee</sup> to be granted, to give a Bond with a Penalty of £30—lawfull money to clear three acres of land fitt for mowing or Tillage and have a house built on the Lot of Sixteen feet Square or equal thereto finished Suitably for a family for to reside in comfortably and conveniently the whole of the year, which to be performed within twelve months from the date of y<sup>e</sup> Bond and to clear three Acres more of the Lot annually for Seven years Successively from the first year fit for mowing or tillage and that a Family constantly reside on the Lot for y<sup>e</sup> whole term above mentioned—

and The Com<sup>tee</sup> are to give the Persons who give the Bonds for Settlements of y<sup>e</sup> Lots a Certificate that at the expiration of y<sup>e</sup> Term of the first twelve months if the Terms of y<sup>e</sup> bond are then fulfilled a grant shall be made of the Lot on the usual Terms

Setling Lotts on the Road between Wolfborough & Leavits town—

|                                |                  |
|--------------------------------|------------------|
| N <sup>o</sup> 2—Benj: Scedgel | 18 Highlanders   |
| 3 John Scedgel                 | 19               |
| 7—Mill Privaledge Brassbree    | 22               |
| 10—Sam: Lear                   | 23 Abel Leathers |
| 11 Jos: Levy                   | 26               |
| 14 Highlanders                 | 27               |
| 15 Highlanders                 |                  |











Lay'd out and Survey'd forty five Hundred Acre lots & four hundred Acre lot, and Run y<sup>e</sup> back lines of y<sup>e</sup> hundred Acre lots on Pigwacket Road.—Every lot is run on every Side and Speed, & Numbered on every Corner, of each lott. Said Lotts in the Plan are Numbered with Red ink  
 N. B. y<sup>e</sup> Doted lines are y<sup>e</sup> Roads, which is done with Red Road, all y<sup>e</sup> others Roads are allowed four Rod Roads.—  
 N. B. the lott N<sup>o</sup> 46 is a four hundred Acre Lott—  
 Portsmouth Sep<sup>r</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> 1774

By James Hersey





26<sup>th</sup> Ap<sup>l</sup> 1774

only ten Lots between Wolfborough & Leavits town to be given to settlers five of which to be above N<sup>o</sup> 18

Nath<sup>l</sup> Weeks Greenland desires to have a Lot in the new Road he is a Going up to Look upon Said Lots and will give an Answer by the Latter End may Next April 29, 1774—

Cornelius Denbow of Lea & Richard Glover of ditto Desires to have a settlement in that p<sup>t</sup> of the Land Lately Lay'd out by James Hersey Octob<sup>r</sup> 11, 1774

Settlers on the Road between Conway & Ossepee River from N<sup>o</sup> 34 & 35 to 68 & 69 which includes 32 which the settlers have liberty to chuse their 10 Lots out of

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[*Division of Ossipee, 1775.*]

[Masonian Proprietors' Records, March 3, 1775, and Masonian Papers, Vol. 7, p. 97.]

Province of } Portsmouth March 3<sup>d</sup> 1775 Fryday three of the  
New Hampsh<sup>r</sup> } Clock afternoon at the Dwelling house of James  
Stoodly Esq<sup>r</sup> Innholder—The Proprietors meet according to adjournment—

Whereas the Proprietors hold in Common and undivided a certain tract of Land, Scituate in the county of Strafford adjoining East-Town (now Wakefield) Leavetts Town, Ossipee pond, Tuftonborough and Wolfborough; in which tract of land, hath been lately laid out into forty five Lotts each lott containing five hundred Acres, by James Hersey, as by his Plan thereof dated September 1<sup>st</sup> 1774 and returned into the Clerks office of the Proprietors, which plan was taken in order to prepare the way for a Division and Severance thereof among the Proprietors; but the Proprietors judgeing it expedient and necessary to have Speedy Settlements on the Lotts—do reserve one hundred Acres in each of Said five hundred Acre Lotts, in common, to be hereafter appropriated for the encouragement and Use of Settlers thereon—Therefore Voted That each Proprietor to whose Right and share any one of Said five hundred Acre Lotts shall be drawn, shall hold in Severalty only four hundred Acres thereof, that the remaining one hundred acres belonging to each of Said Lotts shall continue in common & undivided, to be disposed of for the Encouragement of Settlers, or any other Purpose the Proprietors may think proper—and that Daniel Rogers Esq<sup>r</sup> m<sup>r</sup> John Penhallow and m<sup>r</sup> John Peirce, and m<sup>r</sup> William Whipple be the Committee to put a Settler on each of

Said one hundred Acre lotts So reserved, on Such Terms, as they may think best for the Interest of Said Proprietors ; and that the Said Committee be and hereby are impowered to give Quit Claim Deeds for any of the Said reserved one hundred Acres to Settlers—and also Voted, the Said forty five, five hundred Acre Lotts, be now drawn for to the Right of each of the fifteen Proprietors, or to those who hold under any of them and when so drawn, to be held in Severalty, to whose Right they are respectively drawn, except the Said one hundred Acres in each lott, before reserved—The Lots were drawn and entered in the following manner—

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| drawn 1 <sup>st</sup> To Theodore Atkinson Esq <sup>r</sup>        | N <sup>o</sup> 34—N <sup>o</sup> 9—N <sup>o</sup> 45  |
| 2 <sup>d</sup> Jotham Odiorne Esq <sup>r</sup> Right               | N <sup>o</sup> 4—N <sup>o</sup> 32—N <sup>o</sup> 29  |
| 3 John Moffatt Esq <sup>r</sup>                                    | N <sup>o</sup> 5—N <sup>o</sup> 31—N <sup>o</sup> 43  |
| 4 John Rindge  | N <sup>o</sup> 21—N <sup>o</sup> 19—N <sup>o</sup> 7  |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> Tho <sup>s</sup> Walingford Esq <sup>r</sup> Right | N <sup>o</sup> 12—N <sup>o</sup> 36—N <sup>o</sup> 14 |
| 6 Blanchard Messerve & Comp <sup>a</sup>                           | N <sup>o</sup> 42—N <sup>o</sup> 35—N <sup>o</sup> 44 |
| 7 Tho <sup>s</sup> Packer Esq <sup>rs</sup> Right                  | N <sup>o</sup> 30—N <sup>o</sup> 37—N <sup>o</sup> 1  |
| 8 Dan <sup>l</sup> Peirce & Moor's Right                           | N <sup>o</sup> 3—N <sup>o</sup> 39—N <sup>o</sup> 13  |
| 9 George Jaffrey Esq <sup>r</sup>                                  | N <sup>o</sup> 8—N <sup>o</sup> 38—N <sup>o</sup> 6   |
| 10 Richard Wibird Esq <sup>r</sup> Right                           | N <sup>o</sup> 17—N <sup>o</sup> 28—N <sup>o</sup> 33 |
| 11 Mark Hunk <sup>s</sup> Wentworth Esq <sup>r</sup>               | N <sup>o</sup> 24—N <sup>o</sup> 2—N <sup>o</sup> 20  |
| 12 Josh <sup>a</sup> Peirce Esq <sup>rs</sup> Right                | N <sup>o</sup> 16—N <sup>o</sup> 40—N <sup>o</sup> 11 |
| 13 Solly & March   | N <sup>o</sup> 23—N <sup>o</sup> 25—N <sup>o</sup> 10 |
| 14 Jn <sup>o</sup> Wentworth Esq <sup>r</sup> Right                | N <sup>o</sup> 41—N <sup>o</sup> 27—N <sup>o</sup> 15 |
| 15 <sup>th</sup> Thomlinson & Mason                                | N <sup>o</sup> 22—N <sup>o</sup> 26—N <sup>o</sup> 18 |

whereas in the laying out and Division of the foregoing forty five hundred Acre Lotts, there is no proper reservation for Roads and high Ways through Said Lotts Therefore Voted that all necessary high Ways and roads may be laid out through any of Said Lotts that may best accomodate the Inhabitants of Said Lotts, and the publick—

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[ *Grant of Certain Improvements, 1775.* ]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 7, p. 98.]

We The Subscribers a Committee of Masons Propriety ingage in our said Capacity to give to Duncan ; James & Alexander Mack-naughton and John Young a proper Quit Claim Deed of one hundred Acres of Land to each one of them between y<sup>e</sup> Lots N<sup>o</sup> 10 & 20 & between the lots N<sup>o</sup> 11 & 19 laying on the Road from Wolfeborough to Conway in Such a Manner as to Save to each Man the improvements already made there by them





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|---------------------------------|---------------|
| 11 mill S <sup>d</sup> Reserved | 34. J. D.     |
| 12 E Burnam                     | 35 a Penniman |
| 13 Sol: Crochet                 | 36            |
| 14 mill S <sup>d</sup> Reserved | 37            |
| 15 mill S <sup>d</sup> Reserved | 38            |
| 16 Jos. Pitman                  | 39            |
| 17 Tho <sup>s</sup> Triggs      | 40            |
| 18 Arch: Camell                 | 41 S. Mallows |
| 19 J. D.                        | 42 J. D       |
| 20                              | 43 J. D.      |
| 21. J. D.                       | 44            |
| 22 J. D                         | 45 S. Mallows |
| 23 John Wadley                  |               |

Mem<sup>d</sup> the Lot N<sup>o</sup> 27 Opposite this to be Reserved Six Weeks from this 26<sup>th</sup> Day of November 1778 agreem<sup>ts</sup> for Jonathan Penniman

#### State of New Hamp<sup>r</sup>

Articles of Agreement made this 11<sup>th</sup> Day of Jan<sup>y</sup> 1778 Between Dan<sup>l</sup> Rogers & Will<sup>m</sup> Whipple Esq<sup>rs</sup> and John Penhallow Merch<sup>t</sup> a Committee of the Proprietors of Mason Patent and John Dudley of Ossipee in the County of Strafford and State afores<sup>d</sup> Husbandman

We agree to give to Cap<sup>t</sup> John Dudley a Quit Claim deed of the Lot N<sup>o</sup> 10 on Conway Road upon the Conditions Following, that he Build an House on said Lots of Thirty feet Square or Equal thereto and a good Barn Twenty by Thirty feet and Set out Two hundred Apple Trees on said Lot and a Famely to Move on Said Lot by the First Day of October Next Ensuing and to Reside on the Same for Five Years next Ensuing and Also that he Quite Claim to us that hundred Acre Lot that he Chose out of Lot N<sup>o</sup> 19 and Clear up and fit for Sowing as many Acres of Land on said Lot as is Cleared on Lot N<sup>o</sup> 10 Aforesaid and to Raise a Substantial House Frame on said Lot Thirty feet by Sixteen Also a Good Barn Frame Thirty Two feet by Twenty and Bring a sufficient Quantity of Bords to the Spot for covering Inclosing and Bring also for Building a Partition a Cross said House. the Bords to be sufficient to Cover both Buildings Above Mentioned —Col<sup>o</sup> Rust to be the Sole Judge of the Quantity of Land Cleared on Lot N<sup>o</sup> 10, and Also of that to be Cleared on Lot N<sup>o</sup> 19 Also of the Quality of the Land on Each Lot and the Buildings thereon the Land to be Cleared on Lot N<sup>o</sup> 19 by the 15<sup>th</sup> day of October Next Ensuing at Furthest and the Houses and Barn Frames be Raisd on Said Lot by the 15<sup>th</sup> August Next Ensuing. Also the Bords to be halled upon the Spot by the afores<sup>d</sup> 15<sup>th</sup> Day of August Next Ensuing



Lot 32

Begining at the westerly Corner of said lot on Tuftenborough line thence runing on said line to the Easterly corner of Tuftenborough thence runing by the Easterly line of Tuftenborough to the Southerly Corner of Lot N° 35 then runing North Easterly on the line of said Lot 35 so far as will make 160 Rods on an North Easterly course from the first mention'd Bounds thence runing South East so far as a South west line to the North Easterly line of Lot 33 will Include 100 acres and no more

N° 35 Begining at the Southerly corner of said Lot and running 160 Rods on Tuftenborough line thence runing from said line 100 Rods on a parrelel line with the North westerly side line of Lot 32 thence runing South Easterly 160 Rods to the last mentioned line then on said line to the Bounds first mentioned to contain 100 Acres and no more

[*Report on Capt. Dudley's Road, 1777.*]

[*Masonian Papers, Vol. 7, p. 100.*]

Wolfborough Aug<sup>t</sup> 25<sup>th</sup> 1777

Gentlemen

Agreeable to Your Desire I have again Servey'd Cap<sup>t</sup> Dudleys Road & find it much better than it was so that it may be call'd a passable Waggon Road except Bridging over the Two largest Rivers Tho not compleated according to his Agreement with You for the Agreeem<sup>t</sup> is that it shall be a Good & Compleat Waggon Road I have allso Seen S<sup>d</sup> Road Measured begining at the Conway Road near Bear Pond from which to Beach River is Three & a half Miles & Thirty Rods from thence to Lovel River Two & a half miles & 24 Rods from thence half a Mile which carried us near a small pond on the Easterly side of the Road whereabouts Cap<sup>t</sup> Dudley thinks the Notherly side Line of the Township of Ossipe Crosses S<sup>d</sup> Road tho we could not find it—from thence to Josh<sup>a</sup> Nickinsons Field Three Miles & 20 Rods Your Obed<sup>t</sup> Hum<sup>ll</sup> sarv<sup>tt</sup>

Henry Rust

| Miles |   | Rods |
|-------|---|------|
| 3½    | — | 30   |
| 2½    | — | 24   |
| ½     |   |      |
| 6½    | — | 54   |
| 3     | — | 20   |
| 9½    | — | 74   |

The Hon<sup>ll</sup> Dan<sup>ll</sup> Rogers & others Com<sup>tt</sup>

Lots pitch'd by Cap<sup>t</sup> John Dudley—

N<sup>o</sup> 29 the south corner to run 160 Rods on lot N<sup>o</sup> 28 and 100 rods back on lot n<sup>o</sup> 18—

28 the east corner to run 160 Rods on lot N<sup>o</sup> 29—& 100 Rods on the North west side line of lot N<sup>o</sup> 18

21—the West corner—160 Rods on lot N<sup>o</sup> 22—and 100 rods lot 26

22 the North corner 160 on 21—& 100 rods on 26 & 25—

34 the West corner runing 160 rods on Tuftonborough line & 100 rods on that strip land between Wolfborough & Tuftonborough—

42 the south corner to run 160 rods on lot N<sup>o</sup> 43—100 on lot 37—

43 the West corner 160 rods on lot N<sup>o</sup> 42 100 rods on lot N<sup>o</sup> 30—

19 the West corner to run 160 on lot N<sup>o</sup> 21 and 100 rods on lot N<sup>o</sup> 27

31 the east corner to run 160 rods on lot 28 100 on lot 30—

Also a hundred acre lot N<sup>o</sup> 9 on the Easterly side of the Conway road—

Nathan Lee is to have lot N<sup>o</sup> 8 on the West side of the Conway road provided he makes his Settlement within one year

Cap<sup>t</sup> John Dudley is to have proper securities for the several tracts of Land herein ment<sup>d</sup> according to our former agreem<sup>t</sup> with him provided he demands it in three month from the date Aug<sup>t</sup> 29, 1777—

John Dudley

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[*John Dudley Recommends Somebody*, 1777.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 7, p. 102.]

To Daniel Rogers Esq

Sir I Make free to Recomend to your Honer a Nabeor of mine for a setlor in the New garden and I Do the More freely Recomend him as I take him to be a Claver honest man and one that will be sarvesable to the Place on account of his trade as wall as a Good townsman and as he Hath a fancy for a settelment on the Lot No 4 I Desier that you wold Do him the favor to Lat him have it one Reson of my Riteing to your honer is becaus one of his Nabors is about to under mind him after he hath Ben at Consadable troble abut it your honers Compliance will Very Much ablidg your Very humble sarvet

M: burrough october

John Dudley

y<sup>e</sup> 13:: 1777



[*Jonathan Penniman's Request, 1778.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 7, p. 103.]

Moultonborough Jan<sup>y</sup> y<sup>e</sup> 7<sup>d</sup> 1778

Sir I Should Be glad of one more favour of your honnor Sir I & my Son was Down at portsmouth & the Committe met & we took the Engagement of two Setlers Lots Laying in the township of New Garden & your honner and the rest of the gentleman Committe gave me incorridgement that your honners would hang up two Lots for two young men which are out at Labour & their times is not out till the first of Next march & please your honner Sir I Should Be glad if your honner would Do me the Cines to hang these two Lots up untill the first of Next march the Numbers of these are no : twenty seven & no thirty six & in So Doing you will oblige

your humble Serv :

Jon<sup>a</sup> penniman

Mem<sup>o</sup> Jacob Scadgel has Sold to Benjamin Scadgel Jun<sup>r</sup> 100 Acres of Land Lots N<sup>o</sup> 11 on Conway Road for 9 Dollars June 1777, and Went upon Said Lot and fell 10 Acres of s<sup>d</sup> Land and put up a Frame House, but not Inclous<sup>d</sup>; and then went aprivateering, and in his Absence the Spring 1778 his futher Clear<sup>d</sup> 3 or 4 Acres and planted the same, Sence which the Above Named Jacob Scadgel has Sold it to One Nich<sup>s</sup> Leathers and is now Sowing of Rye upon the Improved part of Said Land where Corn was Started

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[*John Dudley's Request, 1778.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 7, p. 104.]

To the Honrable Committe of tofton Masons propriate Gentlemen— you May Remember that one m<sup>r</sup> Peniman had the promis of a Lot of Land in the New garden being Lot No 27 for a Sartain yong man Who has fall throe and Mr. peneman hath Given the Chance up to me and I under Stand that Adom Brown of this Town had a promis of a Lot from your honers for Sattleing and I Should Be glad if he might have the afore Lot as I have Given it up to him if it is agreeable to Your Honers from your homble Sarvent

John Dudley

Moultonborough September 1778

[*Proprietors' Lots, 1780.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 7, p. 104.]

[Endorsed] The Numbers of the Proprietors Lots of Land in Ossipe 1780—

| Numbers of Lotts |    |    | Quality |       |  | Numbers of Lotts |    |    | Middleing lotts |       |  |
|------------------|----|----|---------|-------|--|------------------|----|----|-----------------|-------|--|
| 1                | No | 3  | good    | Lott. |  | 1                | No | 2  | Middleing       | lott  |  |
| 2                | No | 4  | good    | Lott. |  | 2                | No | 9  | Midd.           | lot.  |  |
| 3                | No | 5  | good    | lott. |  | 3                | No | 25 | Middleing       | lott. |  |
| 4                | No | 8  | good    | lott. |  | 4                | No | 26 | Doto            | lott  |  |
| 5                | No | 12 | good    | lott. |  | 5                | No | 27 | Doto            | lott. |  |
| 6                | No | 16 | good    | lott. |  | 6                | No | 28 | Do              | lott. |  |
| 7                | No | 17 | good    | lott. |  | 7                | No | 32 | Do              | lott. |  |
| 8                | No | 21 | good    | lott. |  | 8                | No | 31 | Do              | lott. |  |
| 9                | No | 22 | good    | lott. |  | 9                | No | 35 | Do              | lott. |  |
| 10               | No | 23 | good    | lott. |  | 10               | No | 36 | Do              | lott  |  |
| 11               | No | 24 | good    | lott. |  | 11               | No | 37 | Do              | lott  |  |
| 12               | No | 34 | good    | lott. |  | 12               | No | 38 | Do              | lott  |  |
| 13               | No | 30 | good    | lott. |  | 13               | No | 39 | Do              | lott  |  |
| 14               | No | 41 | good    | lot   |  | 14               | No | 40 | Do              | lott  |  |
| 15               | No | 42 | good    | lott. |  | 15               | No | 19 | Do              | lott  |  |

[*Deed, McNaughton to Dudley, 1780.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 7, p. 105.]

To all People to whom these Presents shall come Know ye that I Duncan McNaughton of Tamworth in the County of Strafford & State of New Hampshire Yeoman do by these Presents for the Consideration of Five Pounds received hereby, remise, Release & forever Quit Claim unto Capt. John Dudley his Heirs & Assigns forever all the Right, Title, Claim & Demand that I have or ought to have unto Two Hundred Acres of Land in New Ossipee so called—by Virtue of a Bond of the same from a Committee of the Purchasers of Masons Patent to make settlements upon One of which Hundred Acres my Brother James McNaughtan who is now Deceasd, began a Settlement upon, the other Hundred Acres my Brother Alexander McNaughton



began a Settlement upon who has now left this Country—The Bond of which Land I agree to give up to the said Dudley to his own Use  
Witness my Hand & Seal May 20, 1780—

Duncan mcNaghtan

Witness David Folsom

Mr Duckon mc<sup>c</sup>onton Plse to Give up the bond to mr John Kinnis-  
ton that Set foreth in the With in as it is his Rite and Due and it  
Will oblige me

September y<sup>e</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> 1781

John Dudley

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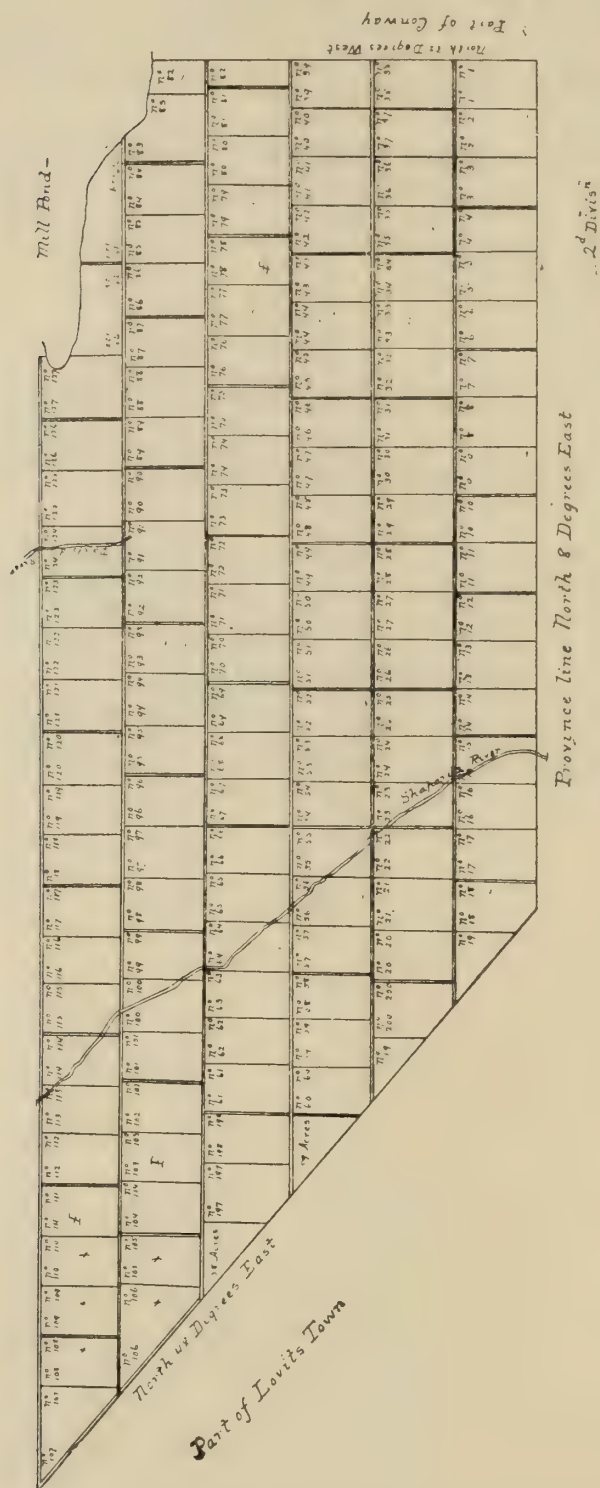
[*Certain Lots Wanted*, 1780.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 7, p. 105.]

1780 July 5<sup>th</sup> Mr John Dearburne of North Hampton desires that  
he might have the Lot N<sup>o</sup> 2. which J Frost has forfeighted by not Set-  
tling also Lot N<sup>o</sup> 5. to Solomon Munsey, but Nothing done and Also  
the Lot N<sup>o</sup> 6—the Above Lots for Setling

Portsm<sup>o</sup> July 6<sup>th</sup> Henry Rust Esq<sup>r</sup> Desires that he may have Lot  
N<sup>o</sup> 1 on Conway Road, and be Inform'd as soon as may be

## [James Hersey's Plan, 1781.]



This Plan is laid out into one hundred Acre lots one half Mile in length & one hundred Rods in wedth—allowed four Rod Road at the end of the lots & allow'd two Rod between the lots— all the Double lines Denotes a Road—the Range Runs Parrellel with the Province



line North 8 degrees East & South 8 Degrees West the Side line of the lots Runs off at Right angles from the Range lines—the lots are Number'd at the Westerly end—

N B N° 19 & 19 are coppled for one hundred acre lot likewise N° 82 & 82 are coppled——

this Survey is Made 1781 By

James Hersey

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[*Statement about Mills, 1781.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 7, p. 106.]

This May Sartify Whome it May Consarne that Cap<sup>t</sup> John Dudley Buelt a Sowy mill and a Griss mill on Loat N° 33 in Osepey Goore In the moneth of September 1777 the Sowy mill Cut Bords in October fouling a fraim House I Built the Same foll two fiers Plases is in it and three Rumes Seeled Rownd with Good Bords a famaly Rumovd on the Primises the Same foll and Reamaind in the town Eaver Sence the Griss mill I Have Leased ouet to one m<sup>r</sup> Brown for the Spse of teen years and Give him the Priveleg of all he Can Rais on fifty accors of the Land by Reason the Land is meain and not fit for a faram the Land that is Clered Round the mils is Eight or teen accors Exept Sum Large Loags m<sup>r</sup> Brown the Miller Gives us Good Sattisfaticon as a good Miller We Whose Names are under written attest to the Same—

March y<sup>e</sup> 15<sup>th</sup> 1781

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|---------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Phe <sup>s</sup> Graves   | Joseph Garland   | David Been       |
| Rich <sup>a</sup> Beacham | Josiah Poland    | Samuel Sias      |
| Jacob Brown               | Joseph Pitman    | John Wadligh     |
| John Goldsmith            | Benjamin Sceggel | Benjamin Sceggel |
| John Sceggel              | Thomas Prows     | John Young       |
|                           | Isaac goldsmith  |                  |

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[*Certificate in Favor of John Dudley.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 7, p. 126.]

This May Certify whome it May Consarne that Cap<sup>t</sup> John Dudley of Ossipee goare has Erected a Comfortable Dwelling hous of Two goods Rums well Seeld of workmanlike on the lot N° 41 in said goare —& has fitted 20 Acres fit for the plow—Ten Acres of which Was plowed & put under improvement Last season with Indian Corn wheet & oates & Removd a famely on the premisses Last fall—the house is built of Good Hew'd timber—And it appears Verry Likely a fine Set-





A Plan of a Strip of Land in Ossipee Gore that Layes North of What they call'd Tamworth & between Said Tamworth & the cure line So on the West to Sandwich—& So on the East to the North Division in ossipee Gore—the said Strip or tract of land, is laid out into hundred Acre lots one half Mile long & one hundred Rod wide—& is Numbered at the North end of Said lots as will appear on the Plan—the Range lines Run East & West, the cross lines run at Right angles from the Range lines—allowing four rod wide for Highways on the South Side of the Range lines—all the cross Roads are two Rod wide one rod out of each lot, all Double lines denote for roads Run out & Bounded in the Year 1782 P<sup>r</sup>

James Hersey—

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[*Petition of Isaac Goldsmith and Others, 1781.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 7, p. 107.]

To The Honourable Commity of the Land Ownd by John Tuften Masson Esq<sup>r</sup> Gentleman—

as we the Subscribers have settled On your Land in the Town of Ossipee gore or New Garden so calld—Sirs our Land was Laid Out 100 Rods on the Roade & to Extend one hundred & Sixty rods back from Conway Roade—and by Reason of the Roade Not being Streight Our Land will fall Short of the obligation—but Cap<sup>t</sup> John Dudley of Said goore has Given his oblegation to Leet us have Boards at his Mill to help us a Long with our Buildings to Our Satesfaction Sirs its For the Land that is wanting—

We Being Verry Por & anable to Travel the Roade to Your Honours—we have concluded to Deliver Our Boands to S<sup>d</sup> Dudley Praying that y<sup>r</sup> Honours will take the Boands & Give said Dudley Deeds in Our Names—Your Honours Regarding our Verry Hum<sup>l</sup> Potitions will Much Oblige your Very Hum<sup>l</sup> Petioner

March 29<sup>th</sup> 1781—

Isaac Goldsmith  
Samuel Sias  
John Sceggel

Joseph Pitman  
Corneal: Denmore  
binjmen scaggall

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[*Deed to Winthrop Smith, 1781.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 7, p. 108.]

Know all Men by these Presents, that We William Whipple Esquire John Penhallow and John Peirce Merchant all of Ports-

mouth in the County of Rockingham and State of New Hampshire the major part of a Committee appointed & Impowerd by the Proprietors of Masons Patent to sell, convey and give for Settlement any Lands in the Township of Ossipee in the County of Strafford and State aforesaid For and in Consideration of the Sum of one Shilling Lawful Money of said State to us in Hand, paid before the Delivery hereof, for the use of said Proprietors and for certain Settling duties to the same use already performed by Winthrop Smith of said Township of Ossipee Husbandman the Receipt whereof we do hereby acknowledge, have given, granted, bargain'd, sold and released; and by these Presents do give, grant, bargain, sell, alien, release, convey and confirm to him the said Winthrop Smith his Heirs and Assigns all the Right and Claim of the said Proprietors of in and to One hundred Acres of Land being part of Lot Number forty one containing five hundred Acres, bounded as followeth begining at the northerly corner of Lot Number forty two on ossipee pond and runing on the line between said Lot number forty two & N<sup>o</sup> forty one so far that turning at right angles and runing to Lovels River will contain one hundred acres and no more between said Pond, said River, and the said line between lots number forty two and forty one—

To have and to hold, the said granted Premises, with the Appurtenances thereof, to him the said Winthrop Smith his Heirs and Assigns to his & their proper Use, Benefit and Behoof forever: we in our said Capacity Hereby engaging to warrant and defend the said granted Premises, against all Claims or Demands of any Persons claiming by, from or under the said Proprietors—

In Witness whereof we have here unto set our Hands and Seals this 23<sup>d</sup> Day of April Ann. Domini 1781—

Signed Sealed and  
Delivered in the Presence  
of us, the words contain-  
ing said Capacity  
benig first interlined

H Wentworth  
Tho Martin

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|--------------------------|--------|
| W <sup>m</sup> Whipple . | [seal] |
| John Penhallow           | [seal] |
| John Peirce              | [seal] |

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|--------------------------|--------------------------------|
| State of New Hampshire ) | Portsmouth the 23 day of April |
| Rockingham ss            | 1781                           |

Then the above named W<sup>m</sup> Whipple J Penhallow J Peirce personally appearing acknowledged the above written Instrument to be their voluntary Act and Deed, before me,

H Wentworth Justice Peace



[*John Dudley's Report, 1781.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 7, p. 109.]

Labour Don on Land in osepey gore By Teackler men as setlers on the Lord Prieters Land and Examand By John Dudley the Quanty of Land under Improvement on Each Lot

I find on Lot n<sup>o</sup> 2 Don by m<sup>r</sup> Benjmun Scaggel 16 accors under improvement and 4 accors fell

I find on Lot n<sup>o</sup> 3 under improvement Don by mr John Scaggel 10 accors and 3 accors fell—

I find on Lot n<sup>o</sup> 12 under enprovemen Don by m<sup>r</sup> Samuel Sias 18 accoors and 8 accors fell—

I find on Lot n<sup>o</sup> 6 under inprovement Don by m<sup>r</sup> Jacca goldsmeath 16 accors and 4 acars fell—

the 500 accors Lots—

I find on Lot n<sup>o</sup> 16 under inprovement 14 accors and 4 accors fell Don By m Joseph petman

I find on Lot no 8 under inprovement Don by m<sup>r</sup> Corniels Denmor 16 accors and 4 fell

upon Strict Exseminnation of the Land menshend above is now under inprovement by the men menshed above which I am Rady to a test to the Best of my Knowledg

April the 19 1781

John Dudley

[*List of Deeds to Settlers, 1781.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 7, p. 109.]

Deeds given this 23<sup>d</sup> April 1781

to Winthorp Smith 100 Acres part of Lot N<sup>o</sup> 41

to John Dudley 100 Acres part of Lot N<sup>o</sup> 33 on which are the mills—

John Schedgel & Martha his wife Lot N<sup>o</sup> 3 on the east side rode

Samuel Sias Lot 12 on the West<sup>y</sup> side d<sup>o</sup>

Benj<sup>a</sup> Schedgel Lot N<sup>o</sup> 2—ditto

Isaac Goldsmith Lot N<sup>o</sup> 6 on ditto

Cornelius Denmore 100 Acres part of Lot N<sup>o</sup> 8—

Joseph Pitman 100 Acres part of Lot N<sup>o</sup> 16—across s<sup>d</sup> Lot & bound on the one hundred acre lots—

John Dudley for Lot N<sup>o</sup> 5 on the Easterly side of the Conway road—

I hereby ingage to have the above ment<sup>d</sup> deeds on record in office with Thomas W<sup>k</sup> Waldron Esq and produce in three months from the date his certificate thereof

Portsmouth April 23<sup>d</sup> 1781—

John Dudley

[On the reverse are the following descriptions:]

begining at the northerly corner of lot no 42 on ossipe pond & running on the line between 42 & 41 so far that turning at right angles & running to Lovels River will include one 100 acre & no more between s<sup>d</sup> pond & said River & the s<sup>d</sup> line between lots no 42 & 41—Winthrop Smith

so far that a line run parrallel with the easterly line on the hundred lots to the notheasterly line of said Lot n<sup>o</sup> 16 to be of equal widths at both ends & to contain one hundred acres & no more

One hund Acres being part of Lot 33—bound as followeth begin on the river 20 Rods N East<sup>y</sup> from his Saw & Grist mills from thence run parrall with the N Easterly begin on the S E<sup>y</sup> line of s<sup>d</sup> & the to run across said line parrellel to the N E<sup>y</sup> line thereof to the N W<sup>y</sup> line just 20 Rods N E<sup>y</sup> of his Saw and Grist Mill & to run so far South W<sup>y</sup> on Said South easterly & North W<sup>y</sup> lines as that a line run parrall to the first ment<sup>d</sup> line across said lot will enclude 100 Acre & no more—

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[*John Dudley to Proprietors, 1781.*]

[*Masonian Papers, Vol. 7, p. 110.*]

To the Honrable Commity of Masons Pattan

I Have had a hint that one M<sup>r</sup> Brown is a Coming Down to Git Liberty of your Honours to build a Sowy mill and a Griss mill on Loat N<sup>o</sup> 7 on Conway Road on a Smoll Brock but I think it will hurt your Intrest much and be of but Littel Profit to the Setlers but if he will agree to build them on Pine River at the Lore End of the town I think it will be much for your Intrest for thair is a Good Place for mills Gentell men m<sup>r</sup> Brown think he is not yused well in Reespet of Loat n<sup>o</sup> 5 for he Sease he Had the Promis of it Last year of your Honours and thinks hard of me allso I Pray your Honours to Leat m<sup>r</sup> Brown know how the Case Was that y<sup>e</sup> Loat went for to make up the Settlers Loat that fell Short m<sup>r</sup> Parse minsters fogg of kinnitown Sun he is Seen your Loat n<sup>o</sup> 16 and Conoluds to bie it if he Can git Sum Good Parterner and no fear I told him the Prise is 20 Shilings p<sup>r</sup> accor Si<sup>r</sup> I think you will a Gee you will Git hold of a Good man if you trade gentlemen I Should be glad to build the Brige if wee Can











A Plan of the Northerly Division in Ossipee Gore, Bounded Northerly; part on Conway South line, & part on y<sup>e</sup> curve line, so Bounded Southerly, on the South Division, that lyes Northeastly of Ossipee Pond—so Bound'd Easterly on the Eastern Division, that joins on the Province line—& so Bounded Westerly; Part on Tamworth so call'd; part on a Strip of Land that lyes North of said Tamworth—Said Division is laid out into hundred Acres lots, one half Mile long & one hundred rods wide, that are square & lyes regular; & is Numbered at the Northerly end of said lots, all but a few lots that joins on Conway South line they are Numbered at the Southerly end as will appear on the Plan—The Range lines Run East Eight Degrees South & West Eight Degrees North the cross lines run at Right angles from the Range lines allowing four Rods Wide for Highways on every Range line on the Southerly side of the line; all y<sup>e</sup> cross roads are two rod wide, one Rod out of each lot all the Double lines denote for roads Where they are laid Down on the Plan. Said lots are Numbered on the face of the plan with Red Ink. Run out & Bounded in y<sup>e</sup> Year of 1782 P<sup>r</sup>

James Hersey





a gree by Reason I am in Sum Difiklty aboute Sum Land that I wanted of your Hounors and it ouing to m<sup>r</sup> Langdon a geement with me Gentlemen m<sup>r</sup> Harsey is Com to Lay ouet all your Lands a Cording to his order and is now Gon to Beagin at Conway I Reamein your Neady frind and Hum<sup>l</sup> Sarv<sup>t</sup>

osepee Gore June y<sup>e</sup> 18<sup>th</sup> 1781

John Dudley

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[*John Dudley to John Penhallow, 1782.*]

[*Masonian Papers, Vol. 7, p. 111.*]

Ossipee Gore May 1<sup>st</sup> 1782

Sir

Doubless you remember the frequent Applications I have made to the Proprietors for the Hundred Acre Lot numberd One adjoining Tuftonborough which Lot I had engaged (If obtaind) to the Bearer M<sup>r</sup> Joseph Garland, who is a steady Young Man, & is likely to make a good Settler—I was the more earnest to obtain that Lot for him because he had fancied that Lot & no other on Account of an old Neighbour, & I was unwilling that he should leave the Place—The Lot is no more than midling for Quality—the Bearer has assisted M<sup>r</sup> Hersey in his Surveys 5 or 6 Weeks this Spring exclusive of his Labour last Fall—& I suppose will ever stand ready for your Service—any Favour the Proprietors may shew him in the Sale of that Lot, I dare venture to engage a Suitable Conduct on his part—

You likewise Sir no Doubt remember that I have often mentiond the Case of Cap<sup>t</sup> Brown to the Prop<sup>rs</sup> but I woud once more beg Leave to mention that Matter—He at first ventured to lay out a large Interest in the Town without any Encouragent of the Proprietors, & what has been unfortunate for him he has not got upon the first Rate Land—however his Enterprising Genius has overcome the many Obsticles in his Way—his Proficiency in Clearing Land has been great for the Time & his Buildings are large & commodious, & carried on through almost every Inconveniency—& he has ever through great Expençe kept best Entertainment for Travellers—he still Labours under great Discouragements; the Low Circumstances of the Settlers round him often call for his Assistance which he readily affords he has Two Mills upon his own Bottom now in Building—& in short the Business he carries on there give Life & Spring to the Settlements of the Place & will still greatly tend to promote the Interest of the Propriety—& give me Leave Sir to add that his whole Conduct is

worthy the Notice of the Proprie<sup>y</sup> & any Favours they may shew him  
I humbly conceive woud be for the Interest of the Town—

I am Sir Your most Ob<sup>t</sup> hble S<sup>t</sup>

John Dudley

To John Penhallow Esq<sup>r</sup> to be communicated to the Comm<sup>tee</sup> of  
Masons Prop<sup>rs</sup>—

Mem<sup>o</sup> the said Joseph Garland has Agreed to give Cap<sup>t</sup> Duly Eighty  
Dollars for the said Lot & he promised to git it for him

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[*Assistance to Fill Town Quota, 1782.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 7, p. 112.]

Memorandum as the Town of Osspee is Called upon for Two men  
as Soldiers to Fill up the States Battlians, for the Present year 1782  
and the Town has Furnished one Man for the Purpose Aforesaid find  
it Impossible in their Present Situation to Furnish the Other man  
Therefore desires that the Masonian Proprietors woud Assist them in  
gitting the Other Man, and it Appears to be Necessary that the man  
Should be procured Immediately, therefore William Whipple Esq<sup>r</sup>  
and John Penhallow Engages for the Proprietors that they will give  
to the Selectmen of the said Town of Osspee for the Use of the Town  
the hundred Acre Lot N<sup>o</sup> 1 in Ossepee Road; provided they Furnish  
the other Soldier Immediately to go on to Joyn the Army—

Portsm<sup>o</sup> July 12<sup>th</sup> 1782.

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[*Certain Lots Wanted, 1783.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 7, p. 112.]

Mr Rewbin Nichason Desires the Favour of the Propretors that  
they Woud Consider him for the Lot of Land sold Richard Jackman  
on which the said Nichason has Got a Framed, House Also a barn 30.  
by 40.. and the Said Jackman Takes into his Inclosir all the Build-  
ings of the said Nichson, and Nichason has paid Taxes in Ossipee, as  
⌘ rec<sup>t</sup>, but Since Jackman has had a Deed the Said Nichson has paid  
no Tax—Sanderson Carter has Got upon a Lot of Land and his Name  
upon the Plan, Also Winthrop Smart upon Another Lot has Cleared  
and got under Improvement Near Thirty Acre of Land both the Last  
Persons desire that the Proprietors Woud give them Lots for Setling  
upon which they have Improved—Portsm<sup>o</sup> Sep<sup>t</sup> 3<sup>d</sup> 1783—



[*Petition of Inhabitants, 1783.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 7, p. 113.]

Gentlemen

We your humble petitioners Who have Setld the hundred acre Lots on Conway Rods We Labor under grat dis advantags by Reason of the Lots not Being Run out disputes a Rise Concerning the Corse of the Side Lines for We Cant enprove ouer Lands after We have Cleard them

We therfor beg your honors to determin What point of Compass the Side Lines of Said Lots Should Run and We the Subscribers hereby engage to Conform to your determination Sirs your Compliyance Will a Blige your Setlers in osipey gratly

osipey gore September the 9 1783

Jacob Brown

Benjamin Sceggel jun

Josiah Poland

Jabes Garling

bingeman Sagel

John Seggel

Samuell Lear

[*Complaint of Inhabitants, 1783.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 7, p. 114.]

To the onerable Committy the propriters of Mason Patten of Ossipee Gore to them Gentelman: we the setlers of the foresaid Ossipee unhumble Petions to inform the gentelman that we are discommoted that we cannot in Joy our lands becaus there is a set of Peopel settels for Eaton wich ther Lots run Contray to our Lots we should be glad and Desire the favour of the gentelman whether now we may bring an acsion agaiens them whether now thay will support it so now more for present we remain your humble Servents—

Barok Ellis

Manoah Ellis

Stanton Carter

John Cooley

Manoah Ellis Juner

[Endorsed] This Petition preferred Sept<sup>r</sup> 18<sup>th</sup> 1783.

[*Deed, Winthrop Smart to Proprietors, 1784.*]

[Masonian Papers. Vol. 7, p. 115.]

Know All Men By These Presents, That I Winthrop Smart of Ossipee Gore in the County of Strafford Husbandman and in the State of New Hampshire For and in Consideration of the Sum of five Shillings Lawful Money of said State to me in Hand, paid before the Delivery hereof by William Whipple John Penhallow & John Peirce all of Portsmouth in the County of Rockingham a Committe of the proprietors of Masons Patent— The Receipt whereof I do hereby acknowledge, have remised, released, and forever quit claimed, and by these Presents, do remise, release, and forever quit claim to them the said Whipple Penhallow & Peirce—Heirs and Assigns, all my Right, Title, claim or Demand whatsoever in and to any Land in Lots number Sixty one, Sixty two, Sixty three, or Seventy one or to any other Lot or Lands in said Ossipee Gore as surveyed by James Hersey excepting such part of Lot N<sup>o</sup> Seventy three as I hertofore purchased of person or persons holding by Deed duely exhibited from said Committee—

To Have And To Hold, said quit claimed Premises, with the Appurtenances thereof, to them the said Penhallow Whipple & Peirce their Heirs and Assigns I hereby engaging to warrant and defend the said quit claimed Premises, against all Claims or Demands of any Person or Persons claiming by, from, or under me

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my Hand and Seal, this 19<sup>th</sup> Day of April Annoque Domini, 1784—

Signed, Sealed, and Winthrop Smart [seal]  
Delivered in Presence of us,

Prudence Penhallow

Sam<sup>l</sup> Penhallow

State of New Hampshire }

Rockingham ss }

Portsmouth April the 19<sup>th</sup> 1784

The above-named Winthrop Smart Personally appearing acknowledged this Instrument to be his free Act and Deed.

Before me,

Sam<sup>l</sup> Penhallow Justice Peace

[*Complaints and Requests, 1784.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 7, p. 116.]

Mr John Goldsmith Complains that the Lot of Land he has Got upon in Ossepe is Very Mean and the Line Runs so that it Takes of



one half of the Lot, therefore desires the Favour of the Proprietors that they would Consider him, and Give him some more Land for Settlement as he has Got a Large Family Consisting of Eleven in Number

Portsm<sup>o</sup> Octob<sup>r</sup> 20<sup>th</sup> 1784—

Also Cap<sup>t</sup> Brown Desires that the proprietors would Impower him to Put Setlers upon the Five hundred Acre Lots that are not Already Disposed off—Portsm<sup>o</sup> Octo<sup>r</sup> 20<sup>th</sup> 1784—

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[*Iron Ore Privilege Wanted*, 1785.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 7, p. 116.]

Portsmouth Jan<sup>y</sup> 19<sup>th</sup> 1785

M<sup>r</sup> Abraham Morrill and Jacob Blazdell of Brentwood Desires the Priveledge of the Iron Oar that is in Ossipee Pond for Such a Number of Years as the proprietors shall think propper as the Said Morrill and Blazdell upon Propper Incouragem<sup>t</sup> by Granting them the Priveledge of the Oar will go and Set up Iron Works forBarr Iron in that part of the Country for Twenty or Thirty Years—

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[*John Peirce to Captain Brown*, 1785.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 7, p. 117.]

Portsmouth March 10<sup>th</sup> 1785

Cap<sup>t</sup> Brown

The bearer M<sup>r</sup> Samuel Hide has some claim to a Settling lot in ossipee part of Number five which Munsey first undertook to fulfil and says that he has a family on it and in other Respects has complied with the usual terms Required & that no person has any claim to it except one Garlands who has felld about one Acre & half trees on it which he is ready to pay him for, If these things are all true and you will certify it in a Letter under your hand, It's my opinion the Committee will give him a Deed without further trouble—

Your Hum<sup>l</sup> Serv

John Peirce

We are of opinion and agree that M<sup>r</sup> Hide or any Person holding under him may have the one hundred Acres within mentioned laying

in the following manner beging at the southerly corner of N° 12 and bounding on s<sup>d</sup> Lot one hundred Rods and laying one hundred and Sixty Rods bounding on Lot N° Six instead of the form & manner in which said Lot was to lay by an Agreement with Solomon Munsey as specified in said Munseys bond, Provided General Whipple who owns the residue of Lot Number five should not object to this alteration But if it should not be agreeable to him in that Case Mr Hide must take it as originally designed by Munsey—Not intending by this writing to authorise Samuel Hide to hold this Lot on other or stronger terms than he has already a right to by General Whipples Letter to John Dudley

John Penhallow  
John Peirce

It is also to be understood that the land to be laid out must cover the improvements already maid one said Sittling Lot by Munsey or any other person under him—and that the Bond given by the Committee to Munsey must first be returned before a Deed can be given——

John Peirce

Portsm° Aug<sup>t</sup> 18<sup>th</sup> 1785 This Day give a Deed to Sam<sup>l</sup> Tasket of New Durham for One hundred Acres of Land out of Lot N° 5 Cont<sup>g</sup> Five hundred Acres in Ossipee, bounded as Follows beging at the Northerly Corner of Lot N° 6 and Running on Said Lot South Easterly one hundred and Sixty Rods then Turning at Right Angles and Running North Easterly one hundred Rods then Turning at Right Angles and Running Northwesterly one hundred and Sixty Rods to Lot N° 12 then Turning and Bounding on Said Lot one hundred Rods to the Bounds first Mentioned to Contain one hundred Acres and no More—

the Above Deed dd Cap<sup>t</sup> Jacob Brown Aug<sup>t</sup> 18<sup>th</sup> 1785

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[*Col. Henry Rust's Lots, June 17, 1786.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 7, p. 118.]

Memorandum of Lots in the Town of Ossipee Cont<sup>g</sup> 500 Acres each which Col° Rust was impowered to Settle by instructions from the Committee Dated July 1<sup>st</sup> 1778—which has been cont<sup>d</sup> to this time June—17<sup>th</sup> 1786 & now extended for one Year

500 Acre Lot N° 44—N° 40 N° 39 N° 26 Deed given Isaac Williams N° 25 N° 24 Deed given Ric<sup>d</sup> Beacham N° 7 N° 6 N° 1 N° 20 N° 37 Deed given Andrew Folsom N° 38 N° 36 N° 30



[*Elijah Davis's Lot.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 7, p. 118.]

Discription of Elijah Davis<sup>s</sup> Lot in Ossipee begining at the N west-  
erly Corner of Lot N<sup>o</sup> 6 & Runing S W<sup>ly</sup> on the Divid<sup>g</sup> line between  
S<sup>d</sup> N<sup>o</sup> 6. & N<sup>o</sup> 11. 160 Rods—thence Turn<sup>g</sup> at Right Angles and Run<sup>g</sup>  
S. E<sup>ly</sup> 100 Rods thence Turn<sup>g</sup> at Right Angles & Runing 160 Rods to  
the Dividing line between Said N<sup>o</sup> 6—& Lot N<sup>o</sup> 5 then on S<sup>d</sup> Line to  
the bounds first Mentiond to Contain One hundred Acres & no more

[Endorsed] Discription of Elijah Davis's Lott part of N<sup>o</sup> 6 Deed  
Del<sup>d</sup> Col<sup>o</sup> Rust this 2<sup>d</sup> Nov 1789

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[*Division of Ungranted Land, 1796.*]

[Masonian Proprietors' Records, June 6, 1796, and Masonian  
Papers, Vol. 7, p. 121.]

State of New } Portsmouth June 6<sup>th</sup> 1796 monday three of the  
Hampshire } Clock afternoon The Proprietors meet according to  
adjournment—

Your Committee having examined the Plans of the Several Surveys  
of y<sup>e</sup> ungranted lands in mason's Patent, within the Winter Curve  
line as run by Fletcher do report a tract of Seven Thousand acres  
allotted into hundred Acre Lots which lye's as we Suppose chiefly  
within the Township of Ossipee, but will more fully appear by the  
plan returned by James Hersey in 1781—also another tract about ten  
thousand Acres lying at the head of Ossipee, bounded easterly Effing-  
ham, Northerly by said Curve, westerly the aforesaid Seven thousand  
Acres, and Southerly by the Pond, which is also allotted into one  
hundred Acre Lots—also one thousand four hundred fifty nine Acres  
unappropriated in Kiarsarge Gore, and an indifinite Quantity on  
Crotched Mountains in Frances Town, Supposed four or five hundred  
Acres—also a Small Gore between Lyndborough and Corner of  
Petersborough, say one hundred and fifty Acres—these Several Quan-  
tities comprehend the whole, which your Committee has been able to  
Ascertain as free from incumbrance or intervening Grants—June 6<sup>th</sup>  
1796—

John Peirce

Nath<sup>l</sup> A. Haven

Jn<sup>o</sup> Sam. Sherburne

Voted that all the land included in the above Report Surveyed and laid out into one hundred Acre lots by James Hersey in Ossipee, containing about Seven thousand Acres and that adjoining Effingham, containing about two thousand Acres be divided into fourteen equal parts or Shares, by assorting and joining all the Said one hundred Acre lots into fourteen shares as nearly equal as the nature of the Case will admitt of, to be drawn for when the Proprietors by a future Vote may order—

Voted that John Peirce and Nathaniel A. Haven be a Com'ittee To assort and join the one hundred Acre lots into fourteen equal Shares, as mentioned in the foregoing report, in order for drawing the Same to y<sup>e</sup> Rights of the Proprietors, at the next meeting of the Proprietors—M<sup>r</sup> John Penhallow Protests against the next preceeding Vote

The meeting was adjourned to monday next, the 13<sup>th</sup> Instant nine of the Clock before noon, to be held at this place

A true Record attest:

Geo: Jaffrey Prop<sup>rs</sup> Cl

State of New Hampshire } Portsmouth June 13<sup>th</sup> 1796 monday nine of the  
adjournment— } Clock beforenoon, the Proprietors meet according to

Whereas it is found that the above lotts cannot be assorted into fourteen equal Shares without uniting with one Share, the Gore mentioned above, in a preceeding vote, as lying between Petersborough, and Lyndeborough—Therefore Voted that the aforesaid Gore be included in one of the Shares and that the Committee unite the Same with the other lots—

Voted that the Proprietors do now proceed to divide and Sever all the one hundred Acre lots as laid out by James Hersy by his Survey and plan in the year 1781 as Sorted and classed by their Committee John Peirce and Nathaniel A. Haven and John Sam<sup>l</sup> Sherburne, called the first divission bounded, as followeth, viz<sup>t</sup> The hundred Acre lots laid out by James Hersey in the year 1781—are bounded South easterly by the 500 Acre lots in Ossipee and Ossipee pond, South westerly by Tuftonborough, north westerly, on part of Tamworth, and north Easterly, on a tract of land laid out into hundred Acre lots, and to be drawn for this day—Said Survey contain's one hundred and Seventeen lots, besides Gores, numbered from 1 to 117 as will more fully appear, reference being had to Said Plan, and when drawn and recorded shall be A compleat Severance and division of the Same and Shall be abided by and taken as a full Share, and whether the lots be better or worse as a final division of the tract aforesaid—and whereas the shares could not be made equal without the addition



of two lots; therefore the Gore between Lyndsborough and Petersborough as classed by said Committee be included in the above Division, and now drawn for, and one lot of 100 acres Number 28 in the 8<sup>th</sup> Range in the 2<sup>d</sup> division of Hersey's Survey to be drawn for this day—

The Draft of the Shares and Lots in the first Division of Shares—viz<sup>t</sup>

| N <sup>o</sup> of Shares | To whom drawn                     | N <sup>o</sup> of Lots drawn to each Right   |
|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|--|
| N <sup>o</sup> 1         | Joshua Peirce . . .               | N <sup>o</sup> 8, 92, 21, 52, 31, 112.   |
| 2                        | John Moffatt . . .                | 80, 91, 27, 67 in two lots 32, 109.  |
| 3                        | Thomas Wallingford . . .          | 14, 28, 70, 68, 101, Gore between Lyndsborough & Petersborough   |
| 4                        | George Jaffrey . . .              | 15, 37, 71, 69, 111 in 6 <sup>th</sup> & 28 in 8 <sup>th</sup> Range in the other Division to be drawn this day— |
| 5                        | Thomas Packer . . .               | 19, 79, 40, 66, 81, 110—   |
| 6                        | Richard Wibird . . .              | 22, 78, 44, 65, 82, 107—   |
| 7                        | John Rindge . . .                 | 23, 74, 45, 64, 87, 108—   |
| 8                        | D Peirce & Moore . . .            | 24, 60, 53, 63, 88, 115—   |
| 9                        | Thomlinson & Mason . . .          | 25, 57, 55, 51, 89, 114—   |
| 10                       | Jotham Odiorne . . .              | 34, 56, 58, 46, 93, 106—   |
| 11                       | Theodore Atkinson . . .           | 38, 54, 59, 33, 97, 113—   |
| 12                       | Blanchard Meserve & Co . . .      | 41, 43, 75, 13, 98, 105—   |
| 13                       | M: H <sup>s</sup> Wentworth . . . | 76, 10, 99, 26, 42, and two Gores or parts of lotts 74 acres & 24 Acres, bounding on Ossipee 500 Acre lotts      |
| 14                       | Solley & March . . .              | 90, 20, 77, 9, 100, 94—  |

Voted that the Proprietors do now proceed to draw, Sever, and divide all that tract of land surveyed by James Hersey as by his plan returned, as the Lotts are joined and classed by the Committee appointed for that purpose—bounded as followeth viz<sup>t</sup> bounded north-erly by a line run by Robert Fletcher, Southeasterly by Effingham, Southerly by Ossipee pond and bays, westerly by the first division of hundred Acre lots this day drawn; this Second division lying on both Sides of the Conway Road so called, as will more fully appear by the plan of the Survey made by said Hersey, reference thereto being had—and when drawn for and recorded Shall be a compleat Severance of all Said tract of Land and shall be taken, as drawn, to each Proprietors Right, better or worse, as a full Share, in this Second division, as joined and classed by Said Committee—

The Draft of the Second Division

| N <sup>o</sup> of Shares | Proprietors to whom drawn                | Numbers of Lots drawn to each Right—  |
|--------------------------|--|---|
| N <sup>o</sup> 1         | Solley & March . . .                     | N <sup>o</sup> 200 & N <sup>o</sup> 19 in 2 <sup>d</sup> Range N <sup>o</sup> 2 in 7 <sup>th</sup> N <sup>o</sup> 36 in 9 <sup>th</sup> N <sup>o</sup> 74 in 11 <sup>th</sup> N <sup>o</sup> 99 in 12 <sup>th</sup> & N <sup>o</sup> 112 in 13 <sup>th</sup> Range—   |
|                          |  | N <sup>o</sup> 42 in 9 <sup>th</sup> Range—   |
| 2                        | Theodore Atkinson . . .                  | N <sup>o</sup> 59 in 3 <sup>d</sup> Range N <sup>o</sup> 3 in 7 <sup>th</sup> N <sup>o</sup> 37 in 9 <sup>th</sup> N <sup>o</sup> 43 in 9 <sup>th</sup> N <sup>o</sup> 73 in 11 <sup>th</sup> N <sup>o</sup> 100 in 12 <sup>th</sup> N <sup>o</sup> 111 in 13 <sup>th</sup> Range—  |
| 3                        | Thomlinson & Mason . . .                 | N <sup>o</sup> 60 in 3 <sup>d</sup> N <sup>o</sup> 4 in 7 <sup>th</sup> N <sup>o</sup> 38 in 9 <sup>th</sup> N <sup>o</sup> 44 in 9 <sup>th</sup> N <sup>o</sup> 72 in 11 <sup>th</sup> N <sup>o</sup> 101 in 12 <sup>th</sup> N <sup>o</sup> 137 & part of N <sup>o</sup> 136 in 14 <sup>th</sup> Range—   |
| 4                        | Dan <sup>l</sup> Peirce & Mary Moore     | N <sup>o</sup> 197 in 4 <sup>th</sup> Range N <sup>o</sup> 5 in 7 <sup>th</sup> N <sup>o</sup> 39 in 9 <sup>th</sup> N <sup>o</sup> 45 in 9 <sup>th</sup> N <sup>o</sup> 71 in 11 <sup>th</sup> N <sup>o</sup> 102 in 12 <sup>th</sup> and N <sup>o</sup> 138 in 14 <sup>th</sup> Range—  |
| 5                        | Thomas Packer . . .                      | N <sup>o</sup> 198 in 4 <sup>th</sup> N <sup>o</sup> 6 in 7 <sup>th</sup> N <sup>o</sup> 40 in 9 <sup>th</sup> N <sup>o</sup> 63 in 10 <sup>th</sup> N <sup>o</sup> 75 in 15 <sup>th</sup> N <sup>o</sup> 116 & N <sup>o</sup> 117 in 13 <sup>th</sup> N <sup>o</sup> 139 in 14 <sup>th</sup> —   |
| 6                        | Mark. H. Wentworth . . .                 | N <sup>o</sup> 61 in 4 <sup>th</sup> Range N <sup>o</sup> 7 in 7 <sup>th</sup> N <sup>o</sup> 41 in 9 <sup>th</sup> N <sup>o</sup> 64 in 10 <sup>th</sup> N <sup>o</sup> 70 in 11 <sup>th</sup> N <sup>o</sup> 115 in 13 <sup>th</sup> N <sup>o</sup> 141 in 14 <sup>th</sup> —   |
| 7                        | Blanchard Meserve & C <sup>o</sup> . . . | N <sup>o</sup> 102 in 5 <sup>th</sup> Range N <sup>o</sup> 8 in 7 <sup>th</sup> N <sup>o</sup> 30 in 8 <sup>th</sup> N <sup>o</sup> 65 in 10 <sup>th</sup> N <sup>o</sup> 107 in 12 <sup>th</sup> N <sup>o</sup> 114 in 13 <sup>th</sup> N <sup>o</sup> 142 in 14 <sup>th</sup> —   |
| 8                        | John Moffatt . . .                       | N <sup>o</sup> 103 in 5 <sup>th</sup> Range N <sup>o</sup> 9 in 7 <sup>th</sup> N <sup>o</sup> 31 in 8 <sup>th</sup> N <sup>o</sup> 66 in 10 <sup>th</sup> N <sup>o</sup> 106 in 12 <sup>th</sup> N <sup>o</sup> 169 and part of Lot N <sup>o</sup> 170 in 17 <sup>th</sup> Range N <sup>o</sup> 146 & N <sup>o</sup> 147 in 15 <sup>th</sup>                         |
| 9                        | Joshua Peirce . . .                      | N <sup>o</sup> 104 in 5 <sup>th</sup> N <sup>o</sup> 10 and part of N <sup>o</sup> 11 in 7 <sup>th</sup> N <sup>o</sup> 32 in 8 <sup>th</sup> N <sup>o</sup> 67 in 10 <sup>th</sup> N <sup>o</sup> 105 in 12 <sup>th</sup> N <sup>o</sup> 145 in 15 <sup>th</sup> part of N <sup>o</sup> 101 in 5 <sup>th</sup> and part N <sup>o</sup> 114 in 6 <sup>th</sup> Range— |
| 10                       | John Rindge . . .                        | N <sup>o</sup> 107 in 6 <sup>th</sup> Range N <sup>o</sup> 25 and part N <sup>o</sup> 24 in 8 <sup>th</sup> N <sup>o</sup> 33 in 8 <sup>th</sup> N <sup>o</sup> 79 & 80 in 11 <sup>th</sup> N <sup>o</sup> 144 in 15 <sup>th</sup> N <sup>o</sup> 140 in 14 <sup>th</sup> Range & N <sup>o</sup> 104 in the 12 <sup>th</sup> Range—                                   |
| 11                       | George Jaffrey . . .                     | N <sup>o</sup> 111 in 6 <sup>th</sup> N <sup>o</sup> 26 in 8 <sup>th</sup> drawn in first draft of lots N <sup>o</sup> 34 in 8 <sup>th</sup> N <sup>o</sup> 78 in 11 <sup>th</sup> N <sup>o</sup> 103 in 12 <sup>th</sup> N <sup>o</sup> 143 in 15 <sup>th</sup> part of N <sup>o</sup> 58 in 3 <sup>d</sup> & part N <sup>o</sup> 62 in 4 <sup>th</sup> Range        |
| 12                       | Jotham Odiorne . . .                     | N <sup>o</sup> 112 in 6 <sup>th</sup> N <sup>o</sup> 27 in 8 <sup>th</sup> N <sup>o</sup> 35 in 8 <sup>th</sup> N <sup>o</sup> 77 in 11 <sup>th</sup> N <sup>o</sup> 108 in 13 <sup>th</sup> N <sup>o</sup> 113 in 13 <sup>th</sup> & two Gores on Effingham line being 59 acres in 3 <sup>d</sup> Range & 58 acres in 4 <sup>th</sup>                                |
| 13                       | Richard Wibird . . .                     | N <sup>o</sup> 113 in 6 <sup>th</sup> Range 69 and a small gore on the pond in 10 <sup>th</sup> N <sup>o</sup> 76 in 11 <sup>th</sup> N <sup>o</sup> 109 in 13 <sup>th</sup> N <sup>o</sup> 167 & part of N <sup>o</sup> 166 in 16 <sup>th</sup> part N <sup>o</sup> 46 in 9 <sup>th</sup> & part N <sup>o</sup> 62 in 10 <sup>th</sup> Range                         |



| N <sup>o</sup> of Shares | Proprietors to whom drawn | Numbers of Lots drawn to each Right—   |
|--------------------------|---------------------------|--|
| N <sup>o</sup> 14        | Thomas Wallingford        | N <sup>o</sup> 1 in 7 <sup>th</sup> Range N <sup>o</sup> 29 in 8 <sup>th</sup> N <sup>o</sup> 68 in 10 <sup>th</sup> N <sup>o</sup> 98 and part of N <sup>o</sup> 97 in 12 <sup>th</sup> N <sup>o</sup> 110 in 13 <sup>th</sup> N <sup>o</sup> 168 & small Gore adjoining the 1 <sup>st</sup> Division in 16 <sup>th</sup> 2 small Gores on the Pond one in the 12 <sup>th</sup> and the other in the 14 <sup>th</sup> Range |

Daniel Rindge and John Penhallow Esq<sup>rs</sup> desire their Protests may be entered against the Votes passed at this meeting, and the drawing of the Lotts of land in Severance of the land, in consequence of the Votes referred to—

[*Petition of Brown and Fogg, 1800.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 7, p. 119.]

Gentlemen Proprietors of the Town of Ossipee—

We the Subscribers in behalf of the Town of Ossipee Humbly shew, that the Town have never been favour'd with any Lands for the use of Building a Meeting-House Settling a Minister or for the encouragement of Schools in the Town of Ossipee—

Therefore we humbly petition the Proprietors of said Town to grant us some of your undivided Lands in said Town for the sole purpose of building a Meetinghouse—Namely one Tract called the Gore also four of five one hundred Acre Lots on Conway Road of all which we suppose you know nearly the true value—And as we have labourd under great disadvantages in not having a House for publick Worship and holding Town meetings We at this period wish to build a Decent House in said Town for publick Services and pray you Gentlemen to assist us in our proceedings and think it will advantageous to the Proprietors and Inhabitants—for which we your humble Petitioners ever pray

Ossipee 25<sup>th</sup> March 1800

Jacob Brown  
Joseph Fogg

[*Answer to Foregoing Petition, 1801.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 7, p. 120.]

State of New Hampshire } At a Meeting of the Proprietors of the Lands purchased of John Tufton Mason Esqu<sup>r</sup> in New-Hampshire; held at Portsmouth, on the Second day of February 1801—

Upon Considering the Petition of Jacob Brown & Joseph Fogg, praying for a grant of Certain unappropriated Lands in Ossipee for the purpose of aiding the Inhabitants of Said Town towards building a Meeting house Voted That John Penhallow Esqu<sup>r</sup> John Peirce Esqu<sup>r</sup> And N. A. Haven be a Committee in behalf of this Propriety to Convey all the Right and Title of this Propriety of in & to four Lots of One hundred Acres Each, lying On Conway Road, and a Certain Gore of unappropriated Land in Said Ossipee to the Petioners and others for the use of the Inhabitants, the Avails of which to be Appropriated Solely to the purpose of building a Meeting house, and that Said Committee take sufficient Security that the Avails thereof Shall be So Applied And that a Return of their Doings be Made to this Propriety—

a true Copy of Record—

Attest Geo: Jaffrey Prop<sup>rs</sup> Cl—

Pursuant to the Authority vested in us by the within vote, we the Subscribers on the 20<sup>th</sup> Feb<sup>y</sup> 1801 conveyed by Deed to Jacob Brown, & Joseph Fogg, four Lots of Land of one hundred Acres each lying in Ossipee on Conway Road, & also a Gore of Land in said Town, & that we have taken a Bond from Jacob Brown that the Proceeds shall be applied as directed in the Vote of the Proprietors—which Bond we now hand in to the Clerk of the Propriety—

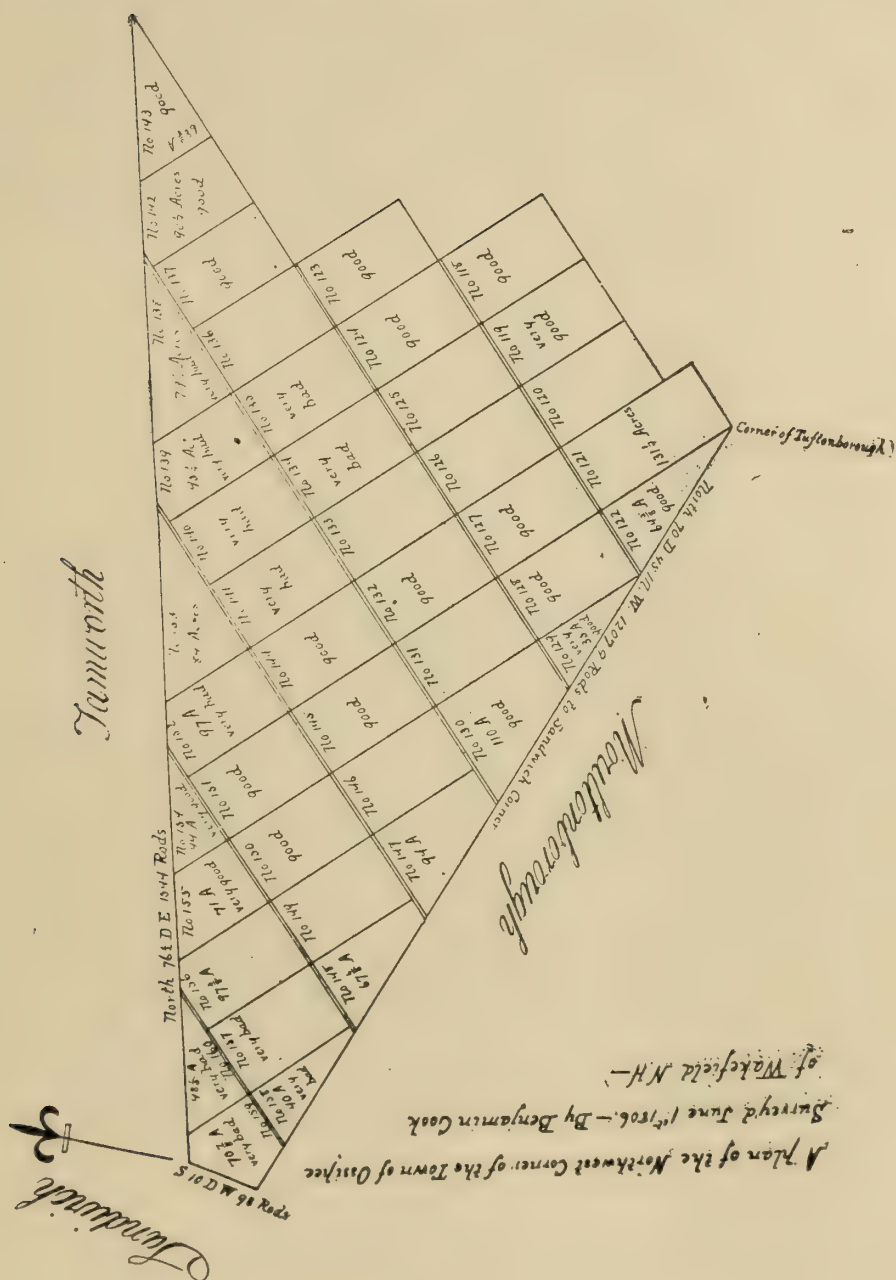
Ports<sup>o</sup> Jan<sup>y</sup> 1 1806—

John Peirce  
Nath<sup>l</sup> A. Haven



[*Plan of Northwest Corner, 1806.*]

Probated by A scale of one hundred Rods to an Inch



[*Information from Surveyor Cook, 1820.*]

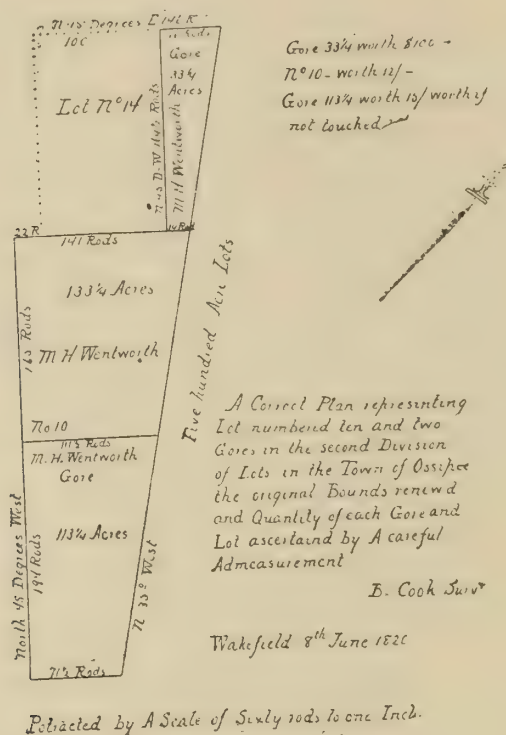
[Masonian Papers, Vol. 7, p. 122.]

Portsm<sup>o</sup> 16 June 1820

Information from M<sup>r</sup> Cook surveyor

Gore 33 $\frac{1}{4}$  Sold by Jacob Brown as part of 500 Acre Lot to Ichabod Hodgdon of Ossipee—about 9 ys Since

Gore 113 $\frac{1}{4}$  has been Many Years in possession of Silas White (now in Dover jail) Who says he has been in possession more than Twenty years, which is doubted—he has a Log House and his family lives there—He has two Sons living in One house Near this Land, but not on it



[Lots Taxed and Sold, 1810–20.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 7, p. 123.]

The following Lots of Land were Taxed in the Town of Ossipee for the Year 1810 in the upper Division for the first time

Nos  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} 124 \\ 147 \\ 155 \end{array} \right\}$  right of John Ringe

Also in right of M H Wentworth

Nos  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} 126 \\ 144 \\ 154 \end{array} \right\}$

The above Lots of Land were sold by Eliphalet Sias Collector of the Town of Ossipee for 1810 to the following Persons and were not redeem'd

Lot No 155 — 71 Acres to Eliphalet Sias  
Do — Do 147 — 94 Do to Sandborn Blake



Do — Do 144 — 100 Do to Chase Wiggin  
 Do — Do 126 — 100 Do to Jonathan Dodge  
 Do — Do 154 — 44 Do to Joseph Nay  
 Do — Do 124 — 85 Do to Samuel Sias

Lot N<sup>o</sup> 124 Tax'd for 1819, sold Feb<sup>y</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> 1820—93 Acres to Wentworth Lord

N<sup>o</sup> 155 Tax'd for 1819, not sold

N<sup>o</sup> 126 Claim'd by Samuel Quarles—

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[*Lots Taxed and Sold, 1813-19.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 7, p. 125.]

Lands in Ossipee

N<sup>o</sup> 124 in the upper Division in Said Town Claim'd by Wentworth Lord

Sold in 1816 to John Ayrs, not redeem'd

Sold in 1817 to John C Young not redeem'd

N<sup>o</sup> 147 was not Tax'd in nonresident List in 1819—Claim'd by Mr Nay or William Goldsmith—

N<sup>o</sup> 155 was not Tax'd in 1819 in the nonresident List—Suppos'd to have been sold for Taxes—and Tax in the resident List—

N<sup>o</sup> 126 has been Sold sundry times for Taxes Present Claimant Col Samuel Quarles

N<sup>o</sup> 154 was not Tax'd in 1819—Claimant unknown—

N<sup>o</sup> 144—Taxed in 1819—advertised—but not Sold

Lot N<sup>o</sup> 147 Tax'd in 1813, sold for non payment of Taxes for the same year to John Brown

Sold in 1814, to Joseph Fogg, and not redeem'd

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[*John Kenniston's Letter.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 7, p. 124.]

S<sup>ir</sup> penhollow Sir I wold inform your Sir as you are one of the commitee of osepe gore together with Mr Landon did agree with me and my son samuel kenison to give us two Hundred akers of Land out of the Lot number 15 and the Lot number 27 priveded we cleared ten akers of Land on Eich Lot buld a house and have a famaly on

Eich Lot to wich I have cleared and planted 3 akers Last spring on the Lot number 15 and I allso have cleard ten or 12 akers that is well feted and reddy to soo to riy this foll and I shall buld a hous and move a famuly on the Lot this foll and shall clear doubel the land before the agreament is out and my son has fell and bornt some of his trees but not all—and I am informed that your honnors are about take it from us before our agrement is out and if you due I shall think very hard of your honnors as I have done all the labour and more then the agrement was this from your humbel Servent and well wisher

John kenison

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[*Conditions for Kenniston Lots.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 7, p. 126.]

2 Lotts in Ossipee N<sup>o</sup> 27 & 15

they are to have one hundred Acres out off each for settling agreing now which corner to take—

they are to fell 10 Acres on each Lot this Season and to clear the same next Season & build a House and afterwards clear &c in proportion as others

Southeast Corner of Lot N<sup>o</sup> 27 the Son Sam<sup>l</sup> Kenniston—and the Southwest Corner of Lot N<sup>o</sup> 15 y<sup>e</sup> Father John Kenniston are pitched upon

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[*Miscellaneous Notes.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 7, p. 127.]

Charles Danilson of Barringtown Gore out this 4<sup>th</sup> Day of April 1775, to make Return of a Lot in Fourteen Days from Date.

Winthrop Frost, & John Hicks, Desires that they may have the Two Lots Viz<sup>t</sup> N<sup>o</sup> 12 for Frost and N<sup>o</sup> 4 for Hicks. If they are not pitched upon by Burnum, Crochit Clerk & Munsey, who are to Return the 15<sup>th</sup> of this Instant April.—April 6<sup>th</sup> 1775

If Danilson Above mentiond Does not pitch upon Lot N<sup>o</sup> 17 then m<sup>r</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup> Triggs to have. If he does then M<sup>r</sup> Triggs to have Southerly Corner N<sup>o</sup> 18—

Bond givn

the Lot N<sup>o</sup> 16 Engaged to Cornelius Denmore

Lots N<sup>o</sup> 1—30—37—Disposed of by his Excellency—



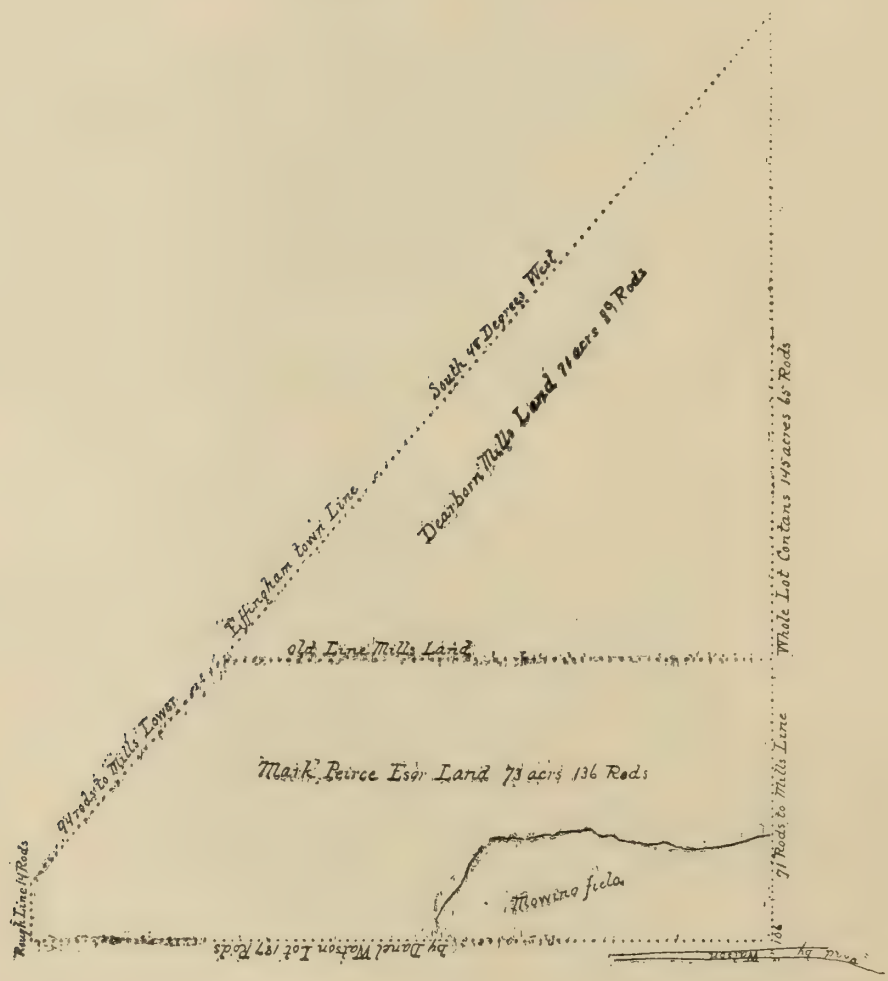


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|---|----------------|
| Solley & March  | 23 ,, 25 ,, 10 |
| Thomlinson & Mason  | 22 ,, 26 ,, 18 |
| Joshua Peirce   | 16 ,, 40 ,, 11 |
| Peirce & Moore  | 3 ,, 39 ,, 14  |
| Theodore Atkinson   | 34 ,, 9 ,, 45  |
| One hundred Acres of Lot N <sup>o</sup> 9 Richard Glover— <del>of</del> Bond given— |                |
| Mark H Wentworth Esq <sup>r</sup>   | 24 ,, 2 ,, 20  |
| Thomas Packer Esq <sup>r</sup>  | 30 ,, 37 ,, 1  |
| Disposed of by his Excellency   |                |
| John Wentworth  | 41 ,, 27 ,, 15 |

Copy of the division of the 500 Acre Lots in the Township, laid out by James Hersey 1774, between Leavetts Town and Ossipee Pond Exclusive of the Lots laid out on the Conway Road by Ebenezer Thompson Esq<sup>r</sup> 1772—

Mr Jonathan Hoit of Poplin desires the Offer of a Stript of Land 1 Mill wide 2 Miles Long Between New Salisbury and New Almsbury & upon Boscawen, & Runs up to Kiasorge Mountain Contains 1280 Acres

[Plan of a Lot 1831.]





Mark Peirce Esqr

I have agreeable to your Derections employd Joseph Drake as Surveyer and Surveyed Lot N<sup>o</sup> 106 as by the plan and found the Contents of the whole Lot to be 145 acres 65 Rods & found the old Line between yours & M<sup>r</sup> Mills Land on said Lot the Contents on your part 73 acrs 136 Rod. also Mills part to be 71 acrs 89 rods Shewn the Road near the Corner on Watsons Lot and also about 10 acrs of Mowing on the lower Lot also went round the Chellis Lot and made the Lines and Corners Certain

the reason that we have not attended to the Survey befor this because of Bad weather

Peter Downs by  
Joseph Drake

Surveyers bill \$2.50  
Effingham April 15<sup>th</sup> 1831

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PELHAM.

[Constituted from parts of Old Dunstable and Dracut, Mass., and incorporated July 5, 1746. Named in honor of Thomas Pelham Holles, Duke of Newcastle. The charter was confirmed by the Masonian Proprietors April 27, 1774. The town was divided into two parishes Jan. 4, 1787, but the act was repealed in 1792. The town was taken from Rockingham County and annexed to Hillsborough Dec. 10, 1824. A gore of land between Pelham and Windham was annexed to Pelham June 29, 1830.

See Massachusetts and New Hampshire charters in preceding volumes; papers under title Dunstable, IX, Bouton Town Papers, 652; XIII, Hammond Town Papers, 142; Index to Laws, 424; sketch, by A. Berry, Hurd's History of Hillsborough County, 1885, p. 631; Instances of Longevity, 1799-1824, by Dr. Church, 2, Collections of N. H. Historical Society, 36; Life of William M. Richardson, 1839; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, p. 237.]

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[*Petition of Pelham Men*, 1774.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 7, p. 128.]

Pelham March y<sup>e</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> 1774—

To The Honourable Proprietors of the Patentee Land, which is known by the Name of Masons Grant &c Greeting—

The Petition of us the Subscribers, being the Inhabitants of the Town of Pelham, Humbly Sheweth, that Whereas there are Cer-

tain Parcels of Land within the Limits of this Town Laying in Dispute, Unsettled, and no Proper owner to be found, and some Particular men, Pretend to own S<sup>d</sup> Land; but have no Warrantable Claim, Security, or Title thereof as we apprehend although by their Pretended Title, they have Ventured to fence some of it & Taken almost all the Timber off without any molestation, Excepting those Pretended owners to Each other—

Therefore we Pray if it be Consistent with your minds, that you would Grant us a title of S<sup>d</sup> Parcels of Land or any Part thereof for a Towns use and Benefit, So that we may Dispose of the Same as we think Proper, Untill a Better owner appears for the Same—&c—

and So in Duty Bound we Shall Ever Pray—

|                               |   |                              |                                |
|-------------------------------|---|------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Daniel Barker                 | } | Selectmen                    | Amos Gage                      |
| Jacob Butler Jun <sup>r</sup> |   | of                           | Robert Nevens Ju               |
| Joshua Atwood                 | } | Pelham                       | Aaron wyman                    |
| Ebenezer Palmer               |   | Josiah Gage Jun <sup>r</sup> | Caleb Butler                   |
| John Mussey                   |   | Caleb Sawyer                 | Thomas Johnson                 |
| Barnabas Gibson               |   | James Gibson                 | Amos Gage Ju <sup>r</sup>      |
| John Wyman                    |   | David Butler                 | Joseph Wright                  |
| Nathan Butler                 |   | Daniel Tinney                | John Marsh                     |
| Daniel Gage                   |   | Eri Richardson               | Samuel Butler                  |
| Uriah Abbot                   |   | Joshua Hamblet               | Philip Hardy                   |
| Nehemiah Butler               |   | Jacob Butler                 | Benjamin Gage                  |
| John Marsh Jun <sup>r</sup>   |   | James Richardson             | William Wyman                  |
| Asa Richardson                |   | James Gage                   | Nathanael gage                 |
| Joel WRight                   |   | Nathan Whiting               | Ezra Ross marsh                |
| Simon Beard                   |   | Josiah Gage                  | Daniel Hutchinson              |
| Richard Hall                  |   | Jonathan Gage                | Jonathan Kimball               |
| Jesse Wilson                  |   | Jonathan Girffin             | Jacob Kemp                     |
| Silas Coburn                  |   | Josiah Johnson               | Asa Hardy                      |
| John Willson                  |   | Josiah gutterson             | Timothy Clark Jun <sup>r</sup> |
| David gage                    |   | Joseph Richardson            | William webber                 |
| Richard Barker                |   | Eliphalet Knight             | Ebenezer Richardson            |
| Daniel Coburn                 |   | james Heath                  | William Varnum                 |
| Daniel gage Junr              |   | Joseph Bayley                | Abijah Richerson               |
| Cyrus Hardy                   |   | Ebenezer Webster             | Isaac Barker                   |
| Nath <sup>l</sup> Currier     |   | Thomas Hardy Jun             | Ebenezer Barker                |
| Moses Eatton                  |   | Pars Gage                    | Asse Gage                      |
|                               |   | Timothy Clark                |                                |



[*Quitclaim to Pelham, 1774.*]

[Masonian Proprietors' Records, April 27, 1774.]

Province of } Portsmouth April 27<sup>th</sup> 1774 Wednesday five of  
New Hampsh<sup>r</sup> } the Clock afternoon The Proprietors meet according  
to adjournment—

Whereas the Inhabitants of the Town of Pelham, in the County of Rockingham in y<sup>e</sup> Province of New Hampshire, have applyed to said Proprietors, by Amos Gage, Moses Eaton and Jacob Butler, a Committee appointed by Said Town of Pelham, for a Conveyance of the Right of Said Proprietors, to the Said Town of Pelham and Said Proprietors being desirous and willing to quiet and confirm to the Proprietors of Pelham, in their Several Rights and Properties in Said Town of Pelham—Therefore—

Voted that there be and hereby is released and quit-claimed all the Right Title and Interest of the Said Proprietors and Purchasers of the Right of John Tufton Mason Esq<sup>r</sup> aforesaid, of, in, and to the tract of Land, contained within the following bounds, viz<sup>t</sup> beginning at the boundary Pitch pine tree made by m<sup>r</sup> Mitchell, and running on the north boundary line of the Massachusetts, untill it come's within two miles and eighty Rods of Merrimack river, then north twenty degrees east to Londonderry, then by Londonderry east South east five miles, and one hundred and forty rods ; then South to Methuen line, and to meet the curve line, called Mitchell's line ; and then by the Said Curve line, to the Pitch pine tree where it began. Which tract of land is called Pelham, before mentioned—which is released and quit-Claimed to the Proprietors of Said Pelham, according to their Several Rights and Properties, within Said boundaries. To have and to hold to them and their Heirs and Assigns for ever, in the Same Manner, as though, the Said tract of land, had not been within the lands purchased of John Tufton Mason Esq<sup>r</sup> aforesaid.—

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[*Votes of the Town, 1774.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 7, p. 129.]

at a Town Meeting March 29<sup>d</sup> 1774—

James Gibson moderater Voated as followeth Viz

firstly Voated Deacon Amos Gage Barnabas Gibson & moses Eaton : for a Committee to Take the aCounpt of the unsettled Lands In Said Town—

2<sup>ly</sup> Voated Deacon Amos Gage and Moses Eatton a Committee to

Go to the Honorable Lord Proprietors to gat a Grant of the above Said Lands—

Test—

Josiah Gage Jun<sup>r</sup> Town Clerk

att a Town meeting April the 21<sup>d</sup> 1774—

Voated as followeth (Viz)

1<sup>ly</sup> Choose m<sup>r</sup> Moses Eatton moderator to Govern Said meeting—

2<sup>ly</sup> Choose Dacon Amos Gage moses Eatton Jacob Butler a Committee to a gree with the Honorable the Lord Proprietors of masons Grant for a Conveyance of all the Land within Township of Pelham—

and Likewise to Empowr them the Said Committee to agree with the Honorable Proprietors before mentioned and to Take a Deed of Said Land in the Towns Behalf and to Give Security in the Towns name for the Same

Josiah Gage Jun<sup>r</sup> Town Clerk

[*Report of Town Committee, 1774.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 7, p. 130.]

In Obedience to y<sup>e</sup> Vote of the Town of Pelham apointing us y<sup>e</sup> Subscribers a committee to take an account of the unimproven Land Lying in y<sup>e</sup> Town of Pelham, the Number of Acres in Each lote as near as we can acording to Origenal records, & the mens names to whome the are reputed to belong, Residing in y<sup>e</sup> Massechusitts Government & find them standing in y<sup>e</sup> following order (viz)

1<sup>st</sup> A Lote Belonging to Ce<sup>p</sup> Benjamin Brown Containing 124 Acres—

2<sup>ly</sup> 2 Lots Belonging to y<sup>e</sup> widow Sarah Martain heirs Containing 200 Acres—

3<sup>ly</sup> 4 Lotes Belonging to Philip Demerick Containing 225 Acres—

4<sup>thly</sup> A Lote Belonging to Ebenz<sup>r</sup> Engails Containning 24 Acres—

5<sup>thly</sup> a Lote Belonging to William Coburn Containning 45 Acres—

6<sup>ly</sup> A Lote Belonging M<sup>r</sup> Minat Containning 24 Acres—

7<sup>thly</sup> A Part of a Lote on y<sup>e</sup> westerdly side of y<sup>e</sup> Town not knowing y<sup>e</sup> owner s<sup>d</sup> Part we sepose Containing 30 Acres—

8<sup>thly</sup> the one half of a Lot Belonging to Co<sup>l</sup> John Tying y<sup>e</sup> other half sold to Pelham Inhabitants in Common & undevied, and still remains so the one half first mentioned Contains 400 Acres

also the ministra Lot Containing 300 Acres Laid out by Dracutt

Pelham March  
the 31 Anno  
Domini 1774

|                 |             |
|-----------------|-------------|
| Amos Gage       | } Committee |
| Barnabas Gibson |             |
| Moses Eatton    |             |



[*Description of Lots.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 7, pp. 131, 132.]

B Thomas Wyman

Midesex March the 25—1721 A lott of land laid out to Thomas Wyman of Dracket in the Reserv'd Land in the Said Dracket in the County of Midelsex in Newengland Contaning 100 and 50 Acers being more or less the Seventh loot in Order Southward of gouldins pond Bounded Northerdly with A line of Marked trees letterd with W numberd with Seven Chops and heaps of Rooks in the line the Northeast Corner is a Rook with Stones on it Bounded Easterdly one the est side of Draket Bounded Suderdly by a line of marked trees letterd with W and S B westerd by the land Will<sup>m</sup> Coughburn by Marked trees And heaps of Stones N B Also Another loot of Land laid out to Said Wyman in the above said Reserv'd land the third Northward of Collicuts and gouldins farm Containing 100 and 80 Acers being more or less Bounded Suderly with a line of Marked trees Letterd with W Numberd with three Choops westerdly on Dunstable Line Northerd by a line of Marked trees with W and S B Bounded Esterdly by a Track of Land laid out to make the Gumpus loots Equal to the Other Loots N B Allso with another loot layd out to the Above Said Wyman the Seventh part of a tracked of Land laid out one the west of Gouldins Brook to make the Gumpus Loots Equal with Other loots the Second loot in Order being it More or Less Numberd with two Choops bounded Esterdly one the Meddow of Con<sup>l</sup> Brown and Gouldings Bounded Sutherdly by A Line of Marked trees Letterd W Crossing the said Track of Land Westerly, Northerdly by a line of Marked trees Letterd W N B Also Another Loot lying Northerdly of Bever brook Containing 30 Acars be it more or Less Bounded Sutherdly on the Said Wymans Medows that lyeth on Beaver Brook westerdly by A line of Marked trees Letterd P W N B Also the 12<sup>th</sup> Lott upon Gouldins is laid out to Said Thomas Wyman Twelve Acers be it more or less as it is Bounding Sutherdly upon the Elevnth Lott westerdly upon Gouldings Medows Northerdly by a line of Marked trees Esterdly by a line of Marked trees the North West Corner A pine tree Layd out And Recorded by us with Sum healp in the Layin out by Nattanel Foox

Wittness  
Joseph Vurnum  
Ezeckel Chivers

Joseph Vurnum }  
Ezeckel Chivers } Cometees to  
James Fales } Said Worke

M<sup>r</sup> Hugh Tallent of Pelham desires a Purchase of a number of Lotts in Pelham original Dracut & old Dunstable

[The copy of this on p. 132 of the manuscript volume has the following note added:]

Moses Eaton & Josiah Gage June 22<sup>d</sup> appearing requested that the Proprietors would make an Alteration of their Quit Claim to the Prop<sup>rs</sup> of Pelham—and make a Quit Claim to the Inhabitants of Pelham

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## PEMBROKE.

[Granted by Massachusetts Aug. 6, 1728, to Capt. John Lovewell's men, and known as *Suncook* and *Lovewell's-town*. Incorporated as the parish of Pembroke Nov. 1, 1759, and named probably in honor of the Earl of Pembroke. The town was divided into two parishes Dec. 17, 1763. The boundary line was extended to the bank of Suncook River Dec. 24, 1798, to settle a dispute between Pembroke and Allentown. All that part of Bow on the east side of Merrimack River was annexed to Pembroke and Concord Dec. 13, 1804.

See Massachusetts charters in preceding volumes; IX, Bouton Town Papers, 657; XIII, Hammond Town Papers, 153; Index to Laws, 424; sketch, by J. N. McClintock, Hurd's History of Merrimack County, 1885, p. 560; History, by N. F. Carter, 1895, 2 vols.; Brief History of First Congregational Church, by Isaac Willey, 1876, pp. 48; discourse, 40th anniversary of ministry, by Rev. Abraham Burnham, 1848, pp. 20; Pembroke Academy, 11, Granite Monthly, 397; Proceedings of 60th Anniversary of Pembroke Academy, in catalogue of 1879.]

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[*Petitions for Land in Several Towns, 1748.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 7, p. 133.]

Portsmouth November y<sup>e</sup> 2<sup>d</sup> 1748—

To the Gentlemen Purchasers & Proprietors of Cap<sup>t</sup> John Tufton Mason's Right to Land in the Province of New Hampshire

Whereas I the Subscriber with others the proprietors and Purchasers of a tract of land granted by y<sup>e</sup> Massachusetts Government by y<sup>e</sup> name of Suncook lying within y<sup>e</sup> Province of New Hampshire & not granted by y<sup>e</sup> Governour & Council of New Hampshire & Apprehending the said Tract of Land is within your Purchase of Cap<sup>t</sup> Jn<sup>o</sup> Tufton Mason—This is therefore to Petition your favour that whereas many of y<sup>e</sup> claimers of Suncook have made considerable Improvements in said Suncook, I pray you would not grant or dispose of y<sup>e</sup> Same till three weeks from y<sup>e</sup> date hereof in order for a further Application to you from S<sup>d</sup> prop<sup>rs</sup> & purchasers upon the Premises at which time shall not fail thereof

Aaron Whittemore



Portsmouth November y<sup>e</sup> 2<sup>d</sup> 1748

To the Gentlemen Purchasers & Proprietors of Cap<sup>t</sup> John Tufton Mason's Right to Lands in the Province of New Hampshire—

I the Subscriber having heretofore purchased seven Rights or Shares of y<sup>e</sup> Proprietors of a Township called Gorham's Town granted by y<sup>e</sup> Massachusetts Government which is now in the Province of New Hampshire and as I presume the Right of y<sup>e</sup> land in Said Township is in you and as I have made considerable Improvements thereon and as you are about making a grant of Said tract of land I pray your favour that you will Consider and Suffer me to be a grantee for Seven shares in Said Gorham's Town upon Such Terms as you shall grant to others, in said Tract; & for compliance with y<sup>e</sup> Terms I will give Such Bonds or Obligations as you will desire, to perform y<sup>e</sup> same, or if you do not think fit to grant to me upon the said Conditions or otherwise as shall Seem to you meet—your favour herein will oblige y<sup>r</sup> Hum Serv<sup>t</sup>—

Nathan Simonds

Portsm<sup>o</sup> November 2<sup>d</sup> 1748—

To the Gentlemen Purchasers & Proprietors of Cap<sup>t</sup> John Tufton Mason's Right to Lands in the Province of New Hampshire—

I the Subscriber having a Deed of a Right in y<sup>e</sup> Town of Souhegan East, except y<sup>e</sup> Home Lot, bearing date October 10<sup>th</sup> 1748—from Sam<sup>l</sup> Renkin, which if you please to Confirm you will oblige y<sup>r</sup> Hum: Serv<sup>t</sup>

John mac Curdey

N B this Right Said Renkin has a Deed from W<sup>m</sup> Patterson bearing y<sup>e</sup> same date with his to M<sup>c</sup>curdy neither of y<sup>e</sup> Deeds upon Record—

Portsm<sup>o</sup> Nov<sup>r</sup> 2<sup>d</sup> 1748—

To the Gent<sup>m</sup> Proprietors & Purchasers of Cap<sup>t</sup> John Tufton Mason's Right to Lands in the Province of New Hampshire—

Whereas we the Subscribers in our Own behalfe and James Moore David Dickey & Alex<sup>r</sup> M<sup>c</sup>collom having Encouragement from y<sup>e</sup> Governour to make improvement upon waste Lands within said Province whereupon we went upon the tract of land called Gorham's Town about six years ago and have fenced & improved between forty & fifty Acres of land, and as it lies within y<sup>e</sup> Plan that Cap<sup>t</sup> Goffe has taken by your order or in Archibald Stark's Plan made by the Same order, we desire your Consideration and favour when you determine upon y<sup>e</sup> disposal of y<sup>e</sup> land we have so improved you would let

Portsmouth Nov<sup>r</sup> 3<sup>d</sup> 1748—

To the Gentlemen Proprietors & Purchasers of Cap<sup>t</sup> John Tufton Mason of Lands in the Province of New Hampshire—

I y<sup>e</sup> Subscriber desire y<sup>e</sup> favour of you to grant me fifty Acres of land Scituate on Merrimack River about a mile & half above y<sup>e</sup> Dwelling house of Archibald Stark and will oblige Gent<sup>m</sup>

Your most Hum: serv<sup>t</sup>

William Eayrs

N B: in y<sup>e</sup> abovesaid 50 Acres there is not more than 6 or 7 Acres manureable Land & y<sup>e</sup> remainder of y<sup>e</sup> s<sup>d</sup> 50 Acres broken land—

Portsmouth Nov<sup>r</sup> 3<sup>d</sup> 1748—

To the Gent<sup>m</sup> Proprietors & Purchasers of Cap<sup>t</sup> John Tufton Mason his Right in Lands in New Hampshire—

I the Subscriber having improved about five Acres of land upon a home Lot in New Boston so called which was intended to fullfil y<sup>e</sup> Terms of Settlement of a Right in said Township laid out to Cap<sup>t</sup> John Ervin of Boston on which five Acres is a house in which I dwelt for four years till y<sup>e</sup> War with y<sup>e</sup> Indians—This is to pray your favour that when you dispose of y<sup>e</sup> Said land you would Consider and preserve to me y<sup>e</sup> Said land & y<sup>e</sup> Improvement I have made upon y<sup>e</sup> Terms you dispose of to others & you will oblige y<sup>r</sup> humble Petitioner

<sup>his</sup>  
Hugh B Blair  
<sup>mark</sup>

Ports<sup>th</sup> Nov<sup>r</sup> y<sup>e</sup> 3<sup>d</sup> 1748.

To the Gentlemen Purchasers & Proprietors of Cap<sup>t</sup> John Tufton's Masons right to land in the Province of New Hampshire—

Whereas James macCaley late of Hilsborough was the first Person that Setled in Said town and Remain'd there till the war with the french & Indians Brok out and then was oblig'd to leave his place and Come away with his wife & familey & have Ever Since been in unsettled State &c and Some time aggo he had leave of his Excelency upon the afores<sup>d</sup> Considerations to take up a peace of land upon the northerly Side of Sowhagen East upon Common land not then in any town and accordingly Gott m<sup>r</sup> Paton of Said place to lay out one Hundred acres but by reason of warr was prevented from makeing a Settlement &c Wherefore the Said James prays that he may have the Said peace of land, or be admitted to have a right in the township where S<sup>d</sup> land lyes upon the terms you Dispose of to others and in So doing you will oblige Gentlemen your most Humble & obedient Servants

John macmurphy in  
Behalf of the afores<sup>d</sup>  
James macCaley

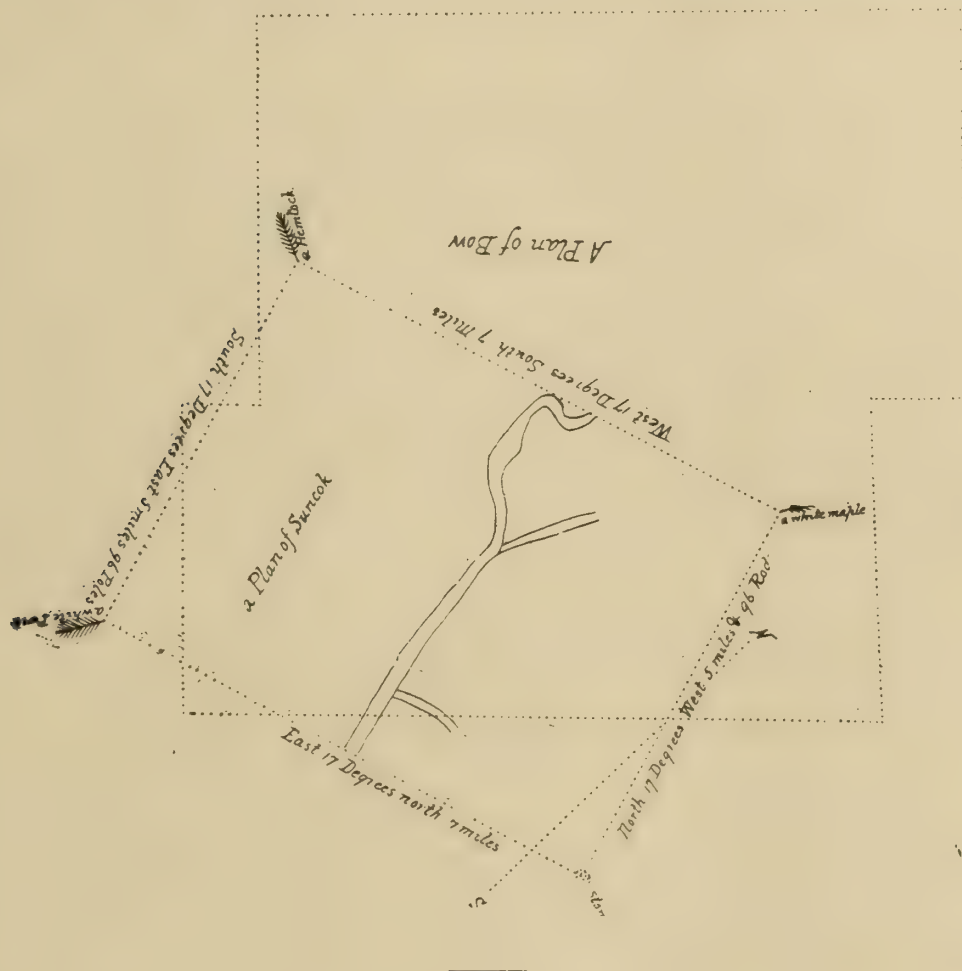


[*Plan of Pembroke and Bow, 1748.*]

A Plan of SunCook & Bow Rece<sup>d</sup> Feb<sup>y</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> 1748

SunCook Plan is taken down from a Plan that is a Coppy from the original and in that there is an allowance of one Chain in thirty for suag of Chaine and uneven Land and allowance of seven Hundred Acors for Ponds and Rivers Laid Down By me

Joseph Baker Surveyor



[*Petition of Samuel Gault, 1748.*]

[*Masonian Papers, Vol. 7, p. 134.*]

Province of New Hampsh<sup>r</sup>—

To the Proprietors of the Right of Land in Said Province purchased of Cap<sup>t</sup> Mason

Humbly Shews Samuel Gault in behalf of himself & Andrew Otterson & James Otterson & W<sup>m</sup> Knox That it is now about thirteen

Years Since they Settled upon a Tract of Land under the right of Suncoke lying on the Eastward Side of Merrimack River in the whole not Exceeding three hundred & twenty Acres & have made Considerable Improvements there—That Lately the Proprietors of Chester have Sued Your Petitioners & have Extended their bounds much as your Petit<sup>ors</sup> Conceive to Comprehend the said Settlements within the Township of Chester But as they have run the Lines even giving Large Measure the Seven Miles from the head of Exeter Bounds mentiond in the Charter of Chester falls Short of the old Markd Line which runs Westword to the river afores<sup>d</sup> fifty Eight rods, whereby they leave a Strip of Land of that width all the way to the river. That the Said Suit is now Depending & if they the Pla<sup>ts</sup> prevail they will take away your Petitioners Improvements afores<sup>d</sup> & all y<sup>e</sup> buildings and so gain the whole Substance of your Petitioners which they think hard of because the Proprietors of Chester knew of their Settling there never Claim'd the Land but on y<sup>e</sup> Contrary Some of them have often Said they did not think they were within Said Township—

Wherefore the Said Samuel for himself & Companions afores<sup>d</sup> Prays that you would be pleased to Grant to them So much out of the Said Strip of Land as is Equal to that they have in possession that they may have wherewith to purchase their peace with Said Proprietors or to Remove to in case they are ejected & may not be Ruind

March 15<sup>th</sup> 1748

Samuel Gaut

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[*Petition of Joseph Milliken, 1752.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 7, p. 135.]

To the Honb<sup>le</sup> Proprietors of y<sup>e</sup> lands Purchased of John Tufton Mason Esqu<sup>r</sup> in y<sup>e</sup> Prov of New Hampshire—Humbly shew's—That I the Subscriber an Inhabitant of Bradford purchased about Sixty Acres of land held under a Grant of y<sup>e</sup> Mass<sup>a</sup> by y<sup>e</sup> name of Suncook (so called) upon which Lot one w<sup>m</sup> martin (y<sup>e</sup> last winter built a house upon) and Said Lot lay's in y<sup>e</sup> Gore of land Adjacent to Allen's Town so called, and as I have purchased y<sup>e</sup> said Lot and some Small improvement has been made thereon by my order, of Sowing and Planting, I pray in your laying out said lot you would Consider me, in preference to any other purchaser or grantee especially as I have been at Expen<sup>ce</sup> of Taxes to y<sup>e</sup> Propriety of suncook and you will ever oblige Gentlemen your

Most Hum serv<sup>t</sup>

Portsm<sup>o</sup> June 15<sup>th</sup> 1752

Joseph Mulicken



[*Bond of Mary James, 1758.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 7, p. 136.]

Know all Men By these Presents That I Mary James of Exeter in the Province of New Hampshire Widow am holden and stand firmly Bound & Obligated unto Thomas Packer of Portsmouth in the Province aforesaid Esq<sup>r</sup> in the full & just Sum of five hundred Pounds Lawful Money to be paid to the Said Thomas Packer his Executors Admin<sup>rs</sup> & assigns to the which payment well & truly to be made I bind my Self my Heirs Execut<sup>rs</sup> and Admin<sup>rs</sup> firmly by these Presents Sealed with my Seal Dated the 17<sup>th</sup> Day of April Anno Domini 1758—

The Condition of the above Obligation is Such Whereas by Certain Articles of Agreement Dated the 16<sup>th</sup> Day of May 1750 made between the abovenamed Thomas Packer of the One Part & Daniel Marston Andrew McCleary Samuel Blake and others Relating to the Granting & Settling a Certain Large Tract of Land Containing One thousand Acres Situate & Bounded as in Said Articles which Tract of Land is Divided into Lots & Conveyed by Deeds to the Several Parties therein Named among whom is Kinsly Hall James the Son of the above Bounden Mary James who being a Minor & not able to Perform the Conditions of Said Grant and as it was Agreed by the Said Mary & she Ingaged to Perform Said Conditions for One Lot there instead of her Said Son & to give the said Thomas Packer Seasonable Security for her So doing In Consideration that the Said Thomas woud & Shoud Convey the Said Lot to her So as that She might have the Property & Right thereof So far as he is Authorized to do the Same, which he by Deed Dated the 14<sup>th</sup> Day of Jan<sup>ry</sup> 1755 has Done viz Lot N<sup>o</sup> Seven

If therefore the Said Mary her Heirs Executors Admin<sup>rs</sup> or Assigns shall well and truly Perform all the matters & things mentiond in Said Articles to be done by the Grantees as the Condition of Said Grant So far as belongs to and is the duty part & proportion of the Owner of One of Said Lots according to the true Intent & meaning of Said Articles which by Reference to Said Articles (one Part of which is in the hands of the Said Thomas) may more Particularly Appear Then the above Obligation is to be Void & of None Effect or Else is to Remain in full force & Virtue —

The words *Hall James* were Interlin'd in the Condition before Signing & Sealing —

Signed Sealed & Delivered In presence of us  
James Kielle  
Noah Emery

Mary James [seal]

Province of } Portsm<sup>o</sup> June 13<sup>th</sup> 1758. Then Mary James above  
 New Hampsh<sup>r</sup> } named Acknowledged the above Instrument to be  
 her act & Deed——

Before me

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[*Joseph Connor's Statement*, 1761.]

[*Masonian Papers*, Vol. 7, p. 137.]

Exetor Febuary y<sup>e</sup> 16 1761

To The Gentlemen Now oners of Masons Right Please to Look into your Grant That you made of the Gore of Land Now Called Buck Street And you will See what we ware to Doe for The Land I think you will See my Draft for my Lot Gentlmen I attended the afair untill the hole Was Perfected after a while Epsom Line was Run And Cut of the biggest Part of my Lot I aplied to Esquire Pierce who Said my Lot Should be made up in a nother Place but not Soon Dun I was Dis Curaged and Sold my Chance to Cap<sup>t</sup> Israel Gilman and Desire you to Let him have What Would be my just Due if I had not Sold it to him in Cumpling here with you will a Blige Your humble Servant

Joseph Conner

[*Israel Gilman's Letter of Transmittal*, 1761.]

[*Masonian Papers*, Vol. 7, p. 137.]

Newmarket febu y<sup>e</sup> 17 1761

Gentelmeen

I here in close to you by my sun Joseph Connars Pettion to you makeing no doute but you will grant it your troubbul would have bin saved if m<sup>r</sup> parce had livad a littal Longger he toold mee that Indan Gimey must have Joseph Conars lot my answar was his undar minding mee was soo mene that I Could not bare it all thoug their was but peart of a lot I had Rether keep it his answar was I will Give you a hundrad acrs in anither place I told him what land was laft was only pitch pine land than he said I Should have ye timbar on Connors lot besides y<sup>e</sup> hundrad acrs Gontel men this is the last Convursation I Ever had with Esq<sup>r</sup> pearce I lave it with you to due as you would be dun by — and asigene my Self your Humbul sarv<sup>t</sup>

Israel Gilman



P S it has bin Suggasted that Connor did not due his peart I have from under the hands of Saveral of the Grantes that he Did his full Peat but have mislaid it I think sum of you Gentel meen have sene y<sup>e</sup> same

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## PETERBOROUGH.

[Formerly known as *Souhegan*. Granted by Massachusetts Jan. 16, 1737-8, to Samuel Hayward and others. Incorporated as Peterborough Jan. 17, 1760, and named probably in honor of the Earl of Peterborough. The charter was renewed Jan. 8, 1762. A small portion of the southeast corner was annexed to Temple Jan. 29, 1789. A part of this town was included in the limits of Greenfield incorporated June 15, 1791. An act was passed July 5, 1867, by which Sharon was to be annexed to Peterborough whenever a majority of voters in both towns should adopt the provisions of the act, but this has not yet been done.

See Massachusetts and New Hampshire charters in preceding volumes; IX, Bouton Town Papers, 665; XIII, Hammond Town Papers, 174; Index to Laws, 427; Ecclesiastical History, 1, Farmer and Moore's Historical Collections, 55; Topographical and Historical Account, by Elijah Dunbar, *id.*, p. 129; Centennial Address, by John H. Morrison, 1839, pp. 99; Centennial, New Hampshire Book, 1841, p. 122; History, by Albert Smith, 1876, pp. 375; sketch, Hurd's History of Hillsborough County, 1885, p. 650; Proceedings at Sesqui-Centennial Celebration, 1889, pub. 1890, pp. 131; numerous historical articles and documents in the files of the *Peterborough Transcript*; Baptist Churches in N. H., by E. E. Cummings, 1836, p. 17; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, p. 240; Life of Jeremiah Smith, by John H. Morrison, 1845; Town Library of Peterborough, by J. F. Brennan, 1893, pp. 28; Petition for Defence, 1750, 6, N. E. Hist. Gen. Register, 367; Recollections of, by J. Wilson, Jr., New Hampshire Book, 1844, p. 109.]

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[*Petition of Hill and Fowle, 1748.*]

[*Masonian Papers, Vol. 7, p. 138.*]

Portsmouth Jan<sup>y</sup> 26: 1748

To the Prop<sup>rs</sup> Purchassers of the Grant made To Cap<sup>tn</sup> John Mason Merch<sup>t</sup> in London, by the Council of Plimoth Lying in the Province of New Hamshire in New England Gentle<sup>n</sup>

the Town of Peterbourugh which Now wee suppose falls within said Clame was Granted by the Massechusets's Goverment to A number of settlers: Jer<sup>y</sup> Gridly Esq<sup>r</sup> John Vassel Esq<sup>r</sup> Maj<sup>r</sup> John Fowles & John Hill purchas<sup>d</sup> of s<sup>d</sup> Grantees for & p<sup>d</sup> a Valewable Consideration for said Township and have since bin at Great Charg

& Exspenc in bringing forward said settlement by Laying oute the Hom lots Bulding A Meeting House & Bridges, Contracting for a saw mill & Griss Mill & Bulding nigh 40 Dwelling Houses & Bringing forward the settlements; that at the time of Braking oute of the warr there was there 30 famelys setled in s<sup>d</sup> Township able to rase provitions to support Each Famely which wee are ready to return there again; wee pray that wee may setle under your Clame and Meet with suth Incurgement as you in Youre Great wisdom shall see meet wee in Behalf of oure Bretheren are Gent<sup>lm</sup> Your Most Obedient

Humble servents

John Hill

John Fowle

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[*Quit Claim to Peterborough, 1748.*]

[Masonian Proprietors' Records, Jan. 26, 1748.]

Upon Reading and Considering the Petition of John Hill & John Fowle Esqu<sup>rs</sup> to have a grant of the Said Proprietors of their Right in that Tract of land called and known by the name of Peterborough made to them and Jeremiah Gridley Esqu<sup>r</sup> and the Heirs of John Vassell Esqu<sup>r</sup> deceased for the Reasons Set forth in y<sup>e</sup> Said Petition on file—

Voted That for the Said Reasons first reserving to the Said Proprietors their Heirs & Assigns the Quantity of thirty four hundred Acres of the Said Tract of land to be laid out as the Said Petitioners and others interested as aforesaid shall think most convenient for promoting the Said Settlement (but not to be Subject to any Charge or Tax untill improved by the Said Proprietors or those who hold under them or any of them) they have and hereby do grant (on the Terms and Conditions hereafter mentioned) all their Right Title Estate Interest & property of in and unto the Said Tract of land and Quit their Claim unto the said John Hill John Fowle Jeremiah Gridley & the Heirs of the Said John Vassell their Heirs & Assigns in equal shares that is to Say the share of the said Heirs of the said John Vassell being equal to the one of the other shares of the said Grantees, they the said Grantees making a Plan of the whole Township & of the Lots therein, and how the said Reserved lands are laid out and Returning the Same to the said Proprietors Provided that in Case Either of the Said Grantees of the Said Shares Shall neglect to perform and pay a proportionable part of all the Duty & Charge of making the Settlement there, such Delinquent Grantee Shall forfeit his Right & share in Said Lands to the



Provided also that the said Grantees Settle forty Families on said Tract of land within four years from this time & each Family have fifteen Acres of land cleared & fitted for mowing or Tillage have a Meeting house biult there & preaching in the Same Constantly Supported thence forward but in Case of an Indian War within the said Term the same Time to be allowed after that Impediment shall be removed—

Provided also that all Trees fit for his Majesty's use for masting the Royal Navy be kept preserved & Spared from waste & Destruction which are hereby Reserved for & Granted to the Use of his majesty his Heirs & Successors for the Use aforesaid—

[*Plan of Peterborough.*]

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[*Jeremiah Gridley's Letter, 1753.*]

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Boston Feb: 14, 1753—

S<sup>r</sup> I have rec<sup>d</sup> your favour & am extreamly Oblidged to You And the Gent of the prop<sup>ty</sup> Your design is Generous, and will Engage me to the Utmost of my Abilities to Serve you—

The expression of the Prop<sup>ty</sup> in their votes Allow me to Say is Something Wanting in Matter of form; if 'tis designed as the Vote upon Which You Are to execute a Deed I Should Rather it had bin a grant for Advice to them had, and to be had, and for five Shillings Rec<sup>d</sup> of me, of so much of their Lands on the north or East of Petersborough so Called as You Should think fitt to me And my heirs and that you were Authorized to Execute A Deed Accordingly—not that I Imagine, the Gent<sup>n</sup> Intended Otherwise, but Formality In titles is always best — This Shall not hinder me in the mean time from Proceeding on the State of your Case my mind has been upon it Constantly, in the Course of my Reading & out of it Since I have Conversed with the Gent<sup>n</sup> upon it — Judge Lynde lately Spoke to me for a Charter for Salem Town to be executed by You; I Beleive I was not Useless in past Conversation with him upon the Goodness of Your title — I am Y<sup>rs</sup> &c

Jere. Gridley

My Compl<sup>ts</sup> to the Gent<sup>t</sup>  
To Joseph Blanchard

Dunstable Feb<sup>r</sup> 24<sup>th</sup> 1753—

S<sup>r</sup> The Above letter I rec<sup>d</sup> Yesterday & not knowing how Soon I might have Opertunity, to Send, Wou'd be Ready—You See the Contents, M<sup>r</sup> Gridleys proposal of the Amendment of the vote for his Grant, As You Purpose to Divide as fast as You Can the Whole of the Royal Society lands Which Undoubtedly is best to be done, this Spring, the necessity of M<sup>r</sup> Gridleys being first Lay'd off, Therefore if the Propriety see good to make any Alteration the Sooner the Better. I give you the Earlyest Notice I can for that Reason

M<sup>r</sup> Fletcher has Compleated the Five Hundred Acre Farmes on Contoocook River And a Plan Ready to Return for Your Drawing I dout not but Judiciously & faithfully his men he hired would be glad of their pay, doubtless, And he to know if you Intend him to finish the Division And As you may be Glad of many Enquirys being Answered by him, before You proceed Further, I propose his Coming



Down with the plan of What is done & In case I can know of your meeting which Shall be Glad it may be as Soon as You Can Send word (that he may know) he has Faithfully Divided as to Quallification Marking & Runing the lines You may expect—he has likewise Lay'd out the Grant made to me Joyning to Petersborough line thô I might had better land I Chose not to break on y<sup>e</sup> next Division, I have nothing to Ad but the tender of my best Service to the Prop<sup>ty</sup>, My Comple<sup>ts</sup> to You And Assure You that I am Your very Humble Ser<sup>t</sup> at Com'and

J Blanchard

Daniel Peirce Esq

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[*Complaints of Inhabitants*, 1758.]

[*Masonian Papers*, Vol. 7, p. 140.]

To their Hon<sup>rs</sup> Lord Proprietors In Portsmouth & Elsewhere  
The Petition of the Inhabitents & settlers of Petersborough;  
Humbly Sheweth. That being obliged to address y<sup>r</sup> Hon<sup>rs</sup> hitherto,  
Shewing our desire to make Application to you for ratifying some  
mistakes & fears from our Proprietors with respect to the fatigue, we  
have had in settling here, least a part of our Labours Should be lost;  
& our Title to a small Inheritance or settlem<sup>t</sup> frustrated. Further  
the obligation they required of us upon reception of the Deeds they  
have given; occasions our suspicion of their Treatment to us so much  
the more as may be seen under their hands.

And as to our Encouragment at the beginning we were to have  
Sixty Settlers Twenty four of which was to have, one hundred & fifty  
acres, fifty of a Home Lott & one hundred out, & the rest one hun-  
dred, lying together and a min<sup>rs</sup> Lot, a school Lott, & a Personage,  
& they also to pay to the first Settled Min<sup>r</sup> Two hundred Pounds  $\text{p}$   
annum, for four years.

Now with the Premisses, be further Inform'd, that notwithstand-  
ing, we Several times address'd our Grantees for Deeds, we never  
could obtain them, & when we did, that is, some that took them,  
were not Satisfy'd with them because of their lameness & insuffi-  
ciency, as we suppos'd.

Further being Inform'd by a Copy of their Grant, that they had  
not perform'd their Conditions themselves, we scrupled them so much  
the more; Especially when so much is Conveyed away, as fourteen  
hundred Acres Quantity & Quality to be drawn in Equal draughts  
to one mon, & no mention where it lyes, that we know not, but it

may be Some of ours; that we have toil'd very much for. Not to be Tedious to yo<sup>r</sup> Hon<sup>rs</sup> we leave these & all our other Grievances not mention'd to be by our Committee Elected for that Purpose to yo<sup>r</sup> Hon<sup>rs</sup> serious Consideration and yo<sup>r</sup> Petitioners as bound in duty shall ever Pray.

Dated at Petersborough Novemb<sup>r</sup> the 14th 1758 & subscrib'd by

|                               |                         |                          |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| Capt <sup>n</sup> Hugh Wilson | } Committee             | John Grean               |
| Lieut Thomas Morison          |                         | Margaret stuart          |
| Thomas Cuningham              |                         | John soot                |
| Gustavus swan                 |                         | John morison             |
| Ensign Jonathan Morison       |                         | William nee              |
| Jo <sup>n</sup> Harvey        | Thomas Davison          | Thomas Turner            |
| Will <sup>m</sup> Smith       | Will <sup>m</sup> Smith | Will <sup>m</sup> Walles |
| William mitche                | Isaac mitchel           | Abigail swan             |
| william Scott                 | William mCay            | samull mills             |
| Hugh Gregg                    | Joseph Caldwell         | will <sup>m</sup> Richy  |
| James Robbe                   | Samuel Stinson          | moor Stinson             |
| Jeams stinson                 | Joshua Todd             | John Fargusson           |
| William Robbe Juner           | Halbord morison         | Neal Hamill              |
| John Swan Juner               | John morison            | James Templeton          |
| James mitchell                | John Leech              | William speer            |
| James Rogers                  | Joseph Hogg             | John Smith               |
| John Taggart                  | Jean m <sup>c</sup> Cay |                          |

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[*Masonian Proprietors to Grantees, 1758.*]

Portsm<sup>o</sup> Dec<sup>r</sup> 28 1758

Gentlemen

I am Directed by the Proprietors of mason's right to Acquaint you that they have had Sundry Visits & Petitions from the Settlers in Petersbourrow Setting forth that they think themselves hardly Dealt by in not having from you Such Assurances of their Land as they Expected when they Entred thereon & that they cannot obtain Deeds at this Day thô they have done the Duty required if this is really the Case 'tis to be feard it will greatly retard the Settlement — We would also now Inform you that the Tenure of your Grant is not only a Number of Familys Should be Settled & remain there — & Preaching the Gospell &c<sup>a</sup> but that we Should have a Plan of the Town & Survey of the Lotts reserved by us Lodged in our Clerks office nothing of which is as yet come to our View We therefore most Earnestly Desire that you would come to Some Terms that



may be Equitable & Satisfy the Settlers & Let us have a Plan with the reservations for s<sup>d</sup> Proprietors that We may make Improvements & y<sup>e</sup> Settlement of y<sup>e</sup> Township go on without the Difficulty which now Seems to be in the way & we do Expect that the reservations made for said Prop<sup>rs</sup> be made for us in haveing respect to Quantity & Quallity of y<sup>e</sup> land & not be laid out on Mountains &c<sup>a</sup> & we must insist upon your doing these things without any further delay which will Prevent our takeing the Steps in the Premises

by order and in behalf of Said Prop<sup>rs</sup> I am Gent<sup>t</sup>

y<sup>r</sup> most Hum. serv<sup>t</sup>

G J Prop<sup>rs</sup> Cl

To Coll<sup>o</sup> Jn<sup>o</sup> Hill Maj<sup>r</sup> Fowle &c Grantees of Petersborough—

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[*Letter about Delinquents, 1759.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 7, p. 142.]

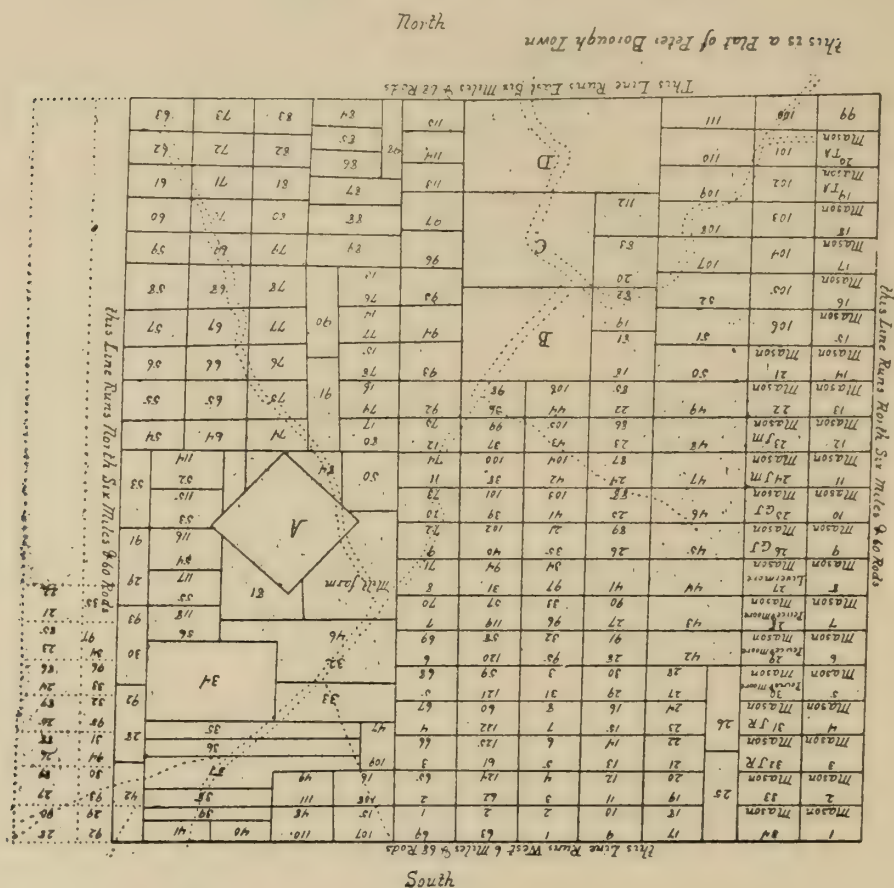
Soughegen Oct<sup>r</sup> y<sup>e</sup> 30<sup>th</sup> 1759

May<sup>t</sup> please your Hon<sup>rs</sup> we take this opertunity to Inform you that the Proprietors and Inhabitants of Souhegen very Chearfully in the General pay their Arears and settle the Patent yet there are several Gentlemen are vastly in the arears that we very much suspect (by Certain hints) determin to wait upon y<sup>r</sup> Hon<sup>rs</sup> for a Grant of their Land and so defraud the Proprietors of their delinquant money—We shall therefore look upon ourselves heighly favoured if your Hon<sup>rs</sup> would if any such motion should be Made by any person before Leut Peabody and M<sup>r</sup> Mitchel Wait upon your Hon<sup>rs</sup> be so good before you give them a Grant of their Land as to demand a Certificate of the standing Com<sup>tee</sup> of Souhegon and indeed we doubt not but your Hon<sup>rs</sup> upon receiving these lines will enquire into the Cause if occasion serves—

And so with the greatest Submission we subscribe our selves your very humble Servants

Moses Barron  
Solomon Hutchinson } Com<sup>t</sup>

## [Plan of Peterborough, 1765.]



This is a plat of Peterborough Town—and the Lots Marked Mason & Numbered from one to 34 Inclusive are lade out by the Grantees of Said Town of Peterborough Agreeable to the Grantors the proprietors of the Lands purchased of John Tufton Mason Esq<sup>r</sup> the said lots Contain thirty four hundred acres—they are lade out where the said Grantees think it most Convenient for promoteing the settlement of said Town—as by the said Proprietors Quit Clame to the Grantees will Appear—

these priet lines and the Numbered lots Shews So much of Said Town that Colo<sup>l</sup> Blanchard left out on the West side of Said Town and thro;d the Town So much farther to the East which was a Great dammage to the Setlers and Exspence as well as Dammage to the Proprietors for what Reason Colo<sup>l</sup> Blanchard Sho;d take of So much of the Best of the Town wee Cannot tell

this Plan is presented to the Proprietors of Land purchased of John Tufton mason Esq<sup>r</sup> by order of the Grantees of Said Peterborough—by Youre

Boston May 22-1765

Humble ser<sup>t</sup>  
John Hill pro<sup>r</sup> Clark



[*Reserved Lots, 1774.*]

[Masonian Proprietors' Records, Aug. 10, 1774.]

Province of } Portsmouth August 10<sup>th</sup> 1774. Wednesday four  
 New Hampsh<sup>r</sup> } of the Clock afternoon, at the dwelling house of  
 James Stoodly Esq<sup>r</sup> Innholder the Proprietors meet according to ad-  
 journment—

Whereas the Proprietors granted a Quit Claim to Sundry persons, of a tract of land or Township called Peterborough, and reserved thirty four hundred Acres of land in Said Township, to Said Proprietors the Grantors, to be laid out, as should be convenient to the Grantees &<sup>c</sup> who were to return to Said Proprietors, a Plan of Said Township, with the reserved Lots for Said Proprietors, who have returned a Plan of the Said Town, with the aforesaid Thirty four hundred Acre lots delineated and numbered therein—

Thefore Voted that the Said thirty four hundred Acre Lots be coupled and drawn for at this meeting—and that the Same as drawn and entered to each Proprietor, Shall be a Severance of his right to the Same to him his Heirs and assigns—

The Lots were drawn for and entered to each Proprietor as follow's  
 viz<sup>t</sup>

|  | Lotts                    |
|--|--------------------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> To Law Lot N <sup>o</sup> 1 . . . .                    | . N <sup>o</sup> 27 & 28 |
| 2 <sup>d</sup> To Jotham Odiorn's Right . .                            | . N <sup>o</sup> 7 & 8   |
| 3 <sup>d</sup> To Mark Hunk <sup>s</sup> Wentworth . .                 | . 21 & 22                |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> To Josh <sup>a</sup> Peirce Esq <sup>r</sup> Right . . | . 11 & 12                |
| 5 To George Jaffrey Esq <sup>r</sup> . . . .                           | . 25 & 26                |
| 6 To Jn <sup>o</sup> Wentworth Esq <sup>rs</sup> Right . .             | . 13 & 14                |
| 7 To Thomlinson & Mason . . . .  | . 9 & 10                 |
| 8 To Law Lot N <sup>o</sup> 2 . . . .                                  | . 3 & 4                  |
| 9 To Tho <sup>s</sup> Walingford Esq <sup>r</sup> . . . .              | . 33 & 34                |
| 10 To John Rindge . . . .  | . 31 & 32                |
| 11 To Jn <sup>o</sup> Moffatt Esq <sup>r</sup> . . . .                 | . 23 & 24                |
| 12 To Solly & March . . . .  | . 17 & 18                |
| 13 To Peirce & Moore . . . .   | . 29 & 30                |
| 14 To Blanchard Meserve & C <sup>o</sup> . . . .                       | . 5 & 6                  |
| 15 To Theodore Atkinson Esq <sup>r</sup> . . . .                       | . 19 & 20                |
| 16 To Tho <sup>s</sup> Packer Esq <sup>rs</sup> Right . . . .          | . 1 & 2                  |
| 17 To Rich <sup>d</sup> Wibird Esq <sup>r</sup> . . . .                | . 15 & 16                |

## PLYMOUTH.

[Granted July 15, 1763, to Joseph Blanchard and others, and sometimes called *New Plymouth*. Portions of Plymouth and Cockermouth were combined and incorporated as Hebron June 15, 1792. A tract of land formerly severed by a boundary line committee was restored to Plymouth, June 21, 1793. The "Everett Farm" and "Withey Lot," owned by Nathaniel Peabody, were annexed at the same time. A portion of Hebron was annexed June 26, 1845, and a portion of Campton, June 27, 1860.

See New Hampshire charters in preceding volumes; IX, Bouton Town Papers, 685; XIII, Hammond Town Papers, 222; Index to Laws, 437; sketch, Child's Gazetteer of Grafton County, 1886, p. 377; Organization of Church, 28, N. E. Hist. Gen. Register, 88; discourse, centennial of Congregational Church, by H. A. Hazen, 1865, pp. 38; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, p. 571; History of the Coös Country, by Grant Powers, 1841, p. 168; Note, 13, Mass. Historical Society Collections, 109; Biography of John Fenton, by C. R. Corning, 1, Proceedings of Grafton and Coös Bar Association, p. 9 (153); Life and Writings of N. P. Rogers, 1847; In the Heart of the White Mountains, by S. A. Drake, 1882, p. 209; Central New Hampshire, by G. F. Bacon, 1890, p. 54; History of Hollis, by S. T. Worcester, p. 126.]

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[*Petition of Robert Boyes, 1752.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 7, p. 143.]

Province of } To the Gentilmen purchers of Cap<sup>t</sup> John Tuff-  
new Hampshire } ton measons Patten

The Humble petition of Robert Boyes in behalf of himself and assoceits most Hombly sheweth

That your petitionr being Incoraged by several of your sossceity that ther might be a township granted by you to a number of good protestins which would go in to the woods and make a settelment and further being Incoraged by your sossceity at ther mitting the twelft<sup>th</sup> of this Instant and desired to leve in writting what I had to aske of said sossceity so that you might Consider of the affair

may it therfor please you Ho<sup>nrs</sup> to grant me in the Capacity as afore-said the following tract of Land (I being the first that have asked for it) viz that tract of Land Laying to the westtrly sid of the river pimissewaset and Joying on said river taking in the mouth of Bakers river so Called, and so Extending north and south and westrly till is make up the Contents of six mills squar—under such Conditions and Limetations as you in your Great wisdoms shal think meet, and there shal be returned into your office the name of said assacity, when you desier it, and your petitioner as in ditty bound shal Ever pray deatted this thirteen day of february 1752

Robert Boyes



[*Petition of Moses Little, 1770.*]

[*Masonian Papers, Vol. 7, p. 144.*]

Province of New } To the Honorable the Gentlemen, Propri-  
Hampshire } etors of the Right of John Tufton Mason Esq<sup>r</sup>,  
in the Province aforesaid.—

The Petition of Moses Little of Newbury Port in behalf of the Proprietors and Inhabitants of the Townships of Campton & Plimouth in the Province aforesaid—Shews—

That they the said Inhab<sup>ts</sup> are settled on the said Tract of Land under Patents issued by the Governor and Council of the said Province, and in pursuance of the Terms stipulated in the said Grants have long since Enter'd, & with great Expense of Time, Labour and Charge have Improved & Cultivated the said Lands, built Mills, cut Roads &c—but have been informed that by the late running of the Line between the King's Land & Mason's Propriety so called, the line of Division interferes with and has taken off some part of the said Grants so as to include the same within the limits of the said Propriety—if so—the Inhab<sup>ts</sup> afores<sup>d</sup> Pray the favour of the Proprietors of Mason's Right that they would be pleased to confirm their Title under the Province, as has been generously done to other Grantees in like circumstances—and You'l greatly Oblige Your Petitioner's Constituents who will ever retain a grateful sense of the same.

Moses Little

In behalf of the said Towns

Portsm<sup>o</sup> March 20<sup>th</sup> 1770

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## PORTSMOUTH.

[This territory was granted for a township by the Council of Plymouth in 1631, and was called *Piscataqua* and *Strawberry Bank*. Submitted to the Massachusetts government in 1641. Incorporated by Massachusetts as *Portsmouth*, May 28, 1653. Newcastle was set off and incorporated May 30, 1693. Greenland was set off partially in 1704, and completely in 1721. A part of Newington was annexed June 29, 1821. A city charter was granted July 6, 1849.

See Massachusetts charters preceding; IX, Bouton Town Papers, 688; XIII, Hammond Town Papers, 236; Index to Laws, 440; Farmer's Belknap's History of New Hampshire, chapters 1 and 2, *et seq.*; Annals of Portsmouth, by Nathaniel Adams, 1825; republished with annotations by George E. Hodgdon, in files of *Portsmouth Journal*, 1887-9; Rambles about Portsmouth, by Charles W. Brewster, first series 1859, second edition, 1873; second series, by same author, 1869; Portsmouth Records, 1645-'56, A Transcript of the First Thirty-Five Pages of the Earliest Town Book, with Notes, by Frank W. Hackett, privately printed, 1886; Centennial History of the U. S. Navy Yard at Portsmouth.

by Walter E. H. Fentress, 1876, pp. 84; History of the U. S. Navy Yard, Portsmouth, by George Henry Preble, 1892, pp. 219; Life of John Mason, by C. W. Tuttle and J. W. Dean, 1887; sketch, by James De Normandie, Hurd's History of Rockingham County, 1882, p. 41; The Isles of Shoals, An Historical Sketch, by John Scribner Jenness, 1873, second edition, 1875; New Castle, Historic and Picturesque, by John Albee, 1885; Memoir of Jeremiah Mason, by R. M. Mason, 1873; Memoir of W. H. Y. Hackett, by F. W. Hackett, 1879; Memoir of N. A. Haven, by George Ticknor, 1827; An Old Town by the Sea, by T. B. Aldrich, 1893; Baptist Churches in N. H., by E. E. Cummings, 1836, p. 19; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, p. 117; 1, Granite Monthly, 119; Methodism in Portsmouth, by T. L. Tullock, 6, Granite Monthly, 209, 229, 314, 347; History of the Catholic Church in the United States, by John G. Shea, 1890, vol. 3, p. 108; Batchelder's History of the Eastern Diocese, P. E. Church, 1876, p. 133; Universalism in N. H., by Lemuel Willis, 1, Granite Monthly, 312; Centennial Celebration of Universalism in Portsmouth, 1873, pp. 108; Universalism in America, by Richard Eddy, 1886, p. 394; sermon, at dedication of new church for south parish, by Nathan Parker, 1826; dedication sermon in North Meeting-House, 1855, by L. Whiting, 1856, pp. 24; discourse, 200th anniversary of North Church, by G. M. Adams, 1871; Account of the Several Religious Societies, etc., by T. Alden, Jr., 1808; same, 10, Mass. Historical Society Collections, 37; St. John's Church, by H. E. Hovey, Perry's History of American P. E. Church, vol. 1, p. 577; Historical Sketch of Portsmouth Baptist Sunday School Convention, by B. R. Jewell, 1880, pp. 16; Wealth, Industry, and Resources of Portsmouth, lecture, by A. P. Peabody, 1844; discourse, dedication of Universalist Meeting House, by Thomas Jones, 1808, pp. 19; Queen's Chapel, now St. John's Church, 25, N. E. Hist. Gen. Register, 245; Discourse, Occasioned by the Late Desolating Fire, by Joseph Buckminster, 1803; Valedictory Discourse, by T. Alden, Jr., 1805, pp. 16; Discourse Delivered in St. John's Church, on Occasion of the Opening of the New Church, by James Morse, 1808, pp. 24; Discourse Delivered in the Chapel of Alms-House, at opening, 1834, by Charles Burroughs, 1835, pp. 108; Farewell Sermon, by J. W. Putnam, 1835, pp. 40; Historical Sketch of the North Church, discourse, by Edwin Holt, 1838, pp. 30; Sermon at Closing of Sunday School Room in Court Street, by A. P. Peabody, 1857, pp. 24; Century Sermon, in South Church, by T. Alden, Jr., 1801, pp. 47[5]; Sermons Connected with Reopening of Church of South Parish, by A. P. Peabody, 1859, pp. 112; address, 70th anniversary of South Parish Sunday School, by A. P. Peabody, 1888, pp. 27; Portsmouth Jubilee, Reception of Sons of Portsmouth Resident Abroad, July 4, 1853, pub. 1853; address, centennial of St. John's Lodge, by C. W. Moore, 1836, pp. 80; address, 150th anniversary of St. John's Lodge, 1886, pp. 22; The New Hampshire Gazette, by F. W. Miller, 26, N. E. Hist. Gen. Register, 132; same, pamphlet, 1872, pp. 18; Agreement of Inhabitants upon Piscataqua River for Government, 1642, 1, Collections of N. H. Historical Society, 322; Witchcraft, 1656, 1, *id.*, 255; Attempt to Establish a Play House, 1762, 5, *id.*, 247; 200th Anniversary of Settlement of N. H., 1823, 6, *id.*, 245; Bills of Mortality, 1801-3, 9, Mass. Historical Society Collections, 236; Communication on Supposed Massacre by Indians at Fox Point, by C. W. Tuttle, 17, Proceedings of Mass. Historical Society, 105; Copy of a Printed Letter Sent by the Committee of Correspondence of the Town to All Ye Towns, 1774, 22, *id.*, 481; Journey to Portsmouth, 1754, by H. Flynt, 16, *id.*, 5; Early Papers, 1669-76, by F. W. Hackett, 38, N. E. Hist. Gen. Register, 58; Early Settlers, by J.



Wentworth, 9, *id.*, 179; Inscriptions in Portsmouth Burying-Ground, by J. R. Rollins, 10, *id.*, 51; Record of Births, Marriages, and Deaths, 1706-'42, by J. W. Pierce, *id.*, vol. 23, p. 269, to vol. 27, p. 8; Record of Deaths, 1740-'71, by J. C. Odiorne, 15, *id.*, 172; Vessels of War Built at Portsmouth, 1690-1868, by G. H. Preble, 22, *id.*, 393; First Settlement of N. H., 2, Farmer and Moore's Historical Collections, 51, 123; Point of Graves Cemetery, 3, Maine Hist. and Gen. Record, 44; The Langdon Mansion, by F. M. Colby, 3, Granite Monthly, 76; Presidential Appointments at, by T. L. Tullock, 6, *id.*, 107; The Sir John Wentworth Mansion, by F. M. Colby, 3, *id.*, 215; The Warner Home, by same, 7, *id.*, 168; The Jaffrey Mansion, by same, 7, *id.*, 153.]

[*Petition of Portsmouth Men*, 1748.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 7, p. 145.]

Province of } To the Hon<sup>ble</sup> Theodore Atkinson Esq<sup>r</sup> & other  
New Hampshire } Purchasers and Proprietors of Masons Right  
within Said Province

The Petition of the Subscribers Inhabitants of Portsmouth and other places Desire a Grant of a Tract of Land in Said Province for a Township at Winnepissiocky pond to be laid out in Such manner as to you shall Seem meet on Such Terms & under Such limitations as you Shall think will be best for promoting a Settlement there and your Petitioners shall pray &

Portsm<sup>o</sup> Nov<sup>r</sup> 18<sup>th</sup> 1748

|   |                                |  |
|---|--------------------------------|--|
| John Wentworth                          | George Mitchell                | Arthur Browne                                |
| Marmaduke Browne                        | Geo : Grainger                 | S <sup>a</sup> Wentworth                     |
| Joseph Hanson                           | Jeremiah Wheelwright           | Richard <sup>his</sup> x Hussy               |
| James Basford                           | Nathaniel Randall              | David Horney                                 |
| John Nelson                             | Joshua Winslo Ju <sup>r</sup>  | W <sup>m</sup> Kennedy                       |
| Job Hussy                               | Dan <sup>l</sup> Little        | Hugh Hall Wentworth                          |
| Samuel Toby                             | John Mills                     | Peter Stillings                              |
| H: Wentworth                            | L <sup>t</sup> Samuell Gerrish | David Gilmor                                 |
| Nath <sup>l</sup> Jones                 | Clem <sup>t</sup> Jackson      | John Mellin                                  |
| John phillips                           | Richard Mattoon                | Noah Emery                                   |
| William Langdon Juner                   | Andrew Todd                    | Samuel Wentworth Boston                      |
| Cap <sup>t</sup> Tho <sup>s</sup> Adams | Daniel Crockford               | Jerem <sup>h</sup> Veasey                    |
| Joseph hodsden                          | John hix                       | Benj <sup>n</sup> <sup>his</sup> x Kenniston |
| Peter mathes                            | Stephen Hardison               | Samuel Tripe                                 |
| Willam Simson                           | Will <sup>m</sup> Wentworth    | Joshua Cate                                  |
| W <sup>m</sup> Shackford                | Nathaniel Beck                 | John Grant                                   |
| Richard Elliot                          | Henry Winslow                  | N. Peirce                                    |
|   | James Gooch                    |  |

## RINDGE.

[Granted by Massachusetts Feb. 3, 1736-7, to inhabitants of Rowley, Mass., who were in the Canada expedition, Hence called *Rowley-Canada*. Granted by the Masonian Proprietors Feb. 14, 1749-50, to Solomon Stewart and others, and known as *Monadnock No. 1* or *South Monadnock*. Incorporated as Rindge Feb. 11, 1768, and named in honor of David Rindge. The line between Rindge and Fitzwilliam was established June 17, 1847.

See Massachusetts and New Hampshire charters in preceding volumes; IX, Bouton Town Papers, 720; XIII, Hammond Town Papers, 320; Index to Laws, 476; History, by Ezra S. Stearns, 1875, pp. 788; sketch, Hurd's History of Cheshire County, 1886, p. 532; sketch, Child's Gazetteer of Cheshire County, 1885, p. 361; discourse, 40th anniversary of pastorate, by A. W. Burnham, 1862; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, p. 285; The Offering of Lunenburg, Mass., to Cheshire County, by Ezra S. Stearns, 2, Proceedings of N. H. Historical Society, 92; John Fitch, a historical address by Ezra S. Stearns, on the occasion of the dedication of the Fitch Memorial Tablet July 4, 1894.]

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[*Charter of Rindge, 1749.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 7, p. 146, and Proprietors' Records, Vol. 6, p. 83.]

Province of } Pursuant to the Power and Authority Granted  
New Hampshire } and vested in me by the Proprietors of Lands,  
purchased of John Tufton Mason Esq<sup>r</sup> in the Province of New Hamp<sup>r</sup>  
by their Vote passed at their Meeting held at Portsmouth in s<sup>d</sup>  
Province the 16<sup>th</sup> Day of June 1749—

I Do by these Presents on the Terms Conditions and Limitations hereafter Expressed Give and grant all the right Possession and Property of the Prop<sup>rs</sup> afores<sup>d</sup> unto Solomon Steward John Stevens John Combs Jonathan Hubbard jun<sup>r</sup> Thomas Symms Stanton Prentice, Coll<sup>o</sup> John Hill Samuel Cummings Thomas Prentice Peter Powers jun<sup>r</sup> William Spaulding Joseph Blanchard jun<sup>r</sup> Joseph French Jonathan Powers Samuel Greele Jonathan Hubbard William Downe Peter Stevens Sampson French James Stewart Robert Fletcher jun<sup>r</sup> Eleazer Blanchard David Cheever, Samuel Reed Jonathan Whitney John Hubbard Jacob Gould Nehemiah Gould Robert Melvin Jerahmeel Powers Joseph Jackson James Colman Peter Power Daniel Taylor Sam<sup>u</sup> Greele jun<sup>r</sup> Zaccheus Lovewell Steven Powers John Lovewell jun<sup>r</sup> Joseph Winn Nathaniel Page Timothy Taylor one Right each; Benjamin Bellows Six Rights Samuel Johnson jun<sup>r</sup> two Rights—One Right for Encouragement for building of Mills and two share more to be disposed of by the Grantees



for Publick Uses of in and to that Tract of Land or Township Lying in the Province afores<sup>d</sup> Containing by Estimation thirty five Square Miles Bounded thus Beginning on the Line between y<sup>e</sup> Province afores<sup>d</sup> and the Province of the Massachusetts Bay Six Miles Westerly from the Southwest Corner of the Township called N<sup>o</sup> 1: North of Townshend and runs North Eighty degrees West in s<sup>d</sup> Line Seven miles, thence North by the Needle Five miles from thence South Eighty degrees East Seven Miles, Thence South by the Needle to the first Bounds mentioned.—

To Have and To Hold to them their Heirs and Assigns in equall Shares on the following terms and conditions with the reservations hereafter expressed (That is to say) That the tract afores<sup>d</sup> be divided into Seventy three Equall Shares And that each Share or Right be divided into Three Lotts and drawn for on or before the last Day of November next Ensuing in some equitable Manner —

That Three of the afores<sup>d</sup> Rights be and hereby are granted One for the first Settled Minister One for the Ministry & One for the School there forever; One Lott for each such Right to be first lay'd Out (and not Drawn for) near the Middle of the Town—

That Eighteen of the said Shares be reserved for the Use of the Grantors their Heirs & Assigns for ever Exempted and free from all Charges whatsoever in making or bringing forward y<sup>e</sup> Settlement Untill improved by them or some holding under them respectively, That the Grantees shall make Settlement in the following Manner Viz<sup>t</sup> That the aforesaid Tract be lay'd Out as afores<sup>d</sup> at the Grantees Expen<sup>ce</sup>.— That all necessary Highways be lay'd Out through the lotts of either Grantors or Grantees as there shall be occasion hereafter free from Charge for the land, such wedth as the major part shall judge necessary That Forty of the Shares belonging to the Grantees afores<sup>d</sup> be settled in the following Manner, Viz<sup>t</sup> Each of the s<sup>d</sup> forty shares to have three Acres of Land on some One Lott cleared, inclosed & fitted for Mowing or tillage in s<sup>d</sup> tract at or before the last Day of December 1752 And in like manner Three Acres more Annually for two Years more then next coming—That on each of the said forty Lotts so cleared as afores<sup>d</sup> there be a Convenient House of One Room Sixteen feet Square at the least fitted for Comfortable dwelling therein, and the Grantees or some person Resident on each of the Lotts to be settled as afores<sup>d</sup> at or before the last Day of December 1753 And Continue resident there for Two Years then next coming & Build a Convenient Meeting House there in Five Years from this Date.—

That the following Nine shares be exempted from making settlement only to pay their proportion to all publick Taxes as Other the

Grantees Viz<sup>t</sup> Benjamin Bellows for four Rights Samuel Reed one, Jonathan Whitney One, Jonathan Hubbard jun<sup>r</sup> One, Sam<sup>l</sup> Johnson One Timothy Taylor One.—That Each of the said Grantees at the Executing this Instrument pay fifteen pounds Old Tenour to defrey the necessary Charges risen or arising in bringing forward the settlement aforesaid to be deposited in the hands of such Person as they shall appoint being a Freeholder and Resident in this Province.—

That the aforesaid Grantees or their Assigns Assess such further Sum or Sums of Money Equally in proportion to their Right on the Share of Each Grantee (exclusive of the Three Publick Lotts) as may be thought Necessary for carrying on the Settlement aforesaid or any Publick matter And on failure of payment for the space of Three Months after Such Assessment is agreed upon and posted up at such place or places as the Grantees aforesaid shall appoint for Notifying Prop<sup>rs</sup> Meetings That so much of such Delinquents Right respectively be disposed of as will pay the s<sup>d</sup> Tax & all Charges arising thereon And in case any of the said Grantees shall Neglect to perform any of the Articles aforementioned he shall forfeit his Share or Right in s<sup>d</sup> Township unto those of the s<sup>d</sup> Grantees who shall not then be Delinquent in the Performance on their Part And it shall be Lawfull for them by their Agent or Agents to enter into and upon the Right of such Delinquent Owner and him to Amove Oust & Expell for their Use their Heirs and Assigns Provided they settle such Delinquents Right within the Term of One Year After the Periods Conditioned in this Grant And fully comply with the whole Duty such Delinquent ought to have done within the Space of One Year from Time to time after the respective Periods thereof

And in case they omitt complying as aforesaid in that Term that all such delinquents Rights shall revert and belong to the Grantors their Heirs & Assigns for Ever, free from the Incumbrance of Settlement or Charge Always provided there be no Indian Warr within Any of the Terms afores<sup>d</sup> and in case that should happen The same Time be Allowed for the respective Matters afores<sup>d</sup> after such Impediments shall be Removed.—

That all White Pine Trees fitt for masting his Majestys Royall Navy be and hereby are Granted unto his Majesty, his Heirs and Successors for Ever.—

Lastly The S<sup>d</sup> Grantors do hereby Promise to the s<sup>d</sup> Grantees their Heirs & Assigns to Defend through the Law to King and Councill if need be One Action that shall and may be brought against them or any Number of them by any person or persons Whatsoever Claiming the said Land or any part thereof by any other Title than that of y<sup>e</sup> s<sup>d</sup> Grantors or that by which they hold and derive theirs from— Provided the s<sup>d</sup> Grantors are avouched



in to Defend the same And that in case of finall Triall the same shall be recovered Against the said Grantors, the Grantees shall recover nothing Over against the Grantors for the s<sup>d</sup> Land Improvements or Expençe in Bringing Forward the Settlement In Witness whereof I the Subscriber Joseph Blanchard of Dunstable have hereunto In Behalf of the Prop<sup>rs</sup> afores<sup>d</sup> Sett to my hand and Seal this fourteenth day of February 1749——

Joseph Blanchard and Seal

A True Copy Examined

Attest: William Downe Prop<sup>rs</sup> Clerk—

Att a Meeting of the Prop<sup>rs</sup> of the South Monadnock N<sup>o</sup> 1, held at Dunstable on y<sup>e</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> day of August 1752, held by Adjournment.—

Whereas the Prop<sup>rs</sup> of the lands in the Province of New-Hampshire Purchased by them of John Tufton Mason Esq<sup>r</sup> Who sold them Under the Title made by a Com'on Recovery, Did on the 14<sup>th</sup> Day of February 1749 grant the Quantity of Thirty Five Square miles part of s<sup>d</sup> Land Bounded as Followeth, Beginning on the Line between the Province of New Hampsh<sup>r</sup> and the Province of the Massachusetts Bay Six Miles Westerly from the Southwest Corner of the Township Called N<sup>o</sup> 1 North of Townshend And runs North Eighty degrees West in said Line Seven miles thence North by the Needle five Miles from thence South Eighty Degrees East Seven Miles, thence South to the first Bounds mentioned, under certain Conditions Limitations and reservations in s<sup>d</sup> Grant mentioned as by reference thereto will fully appear — Unto Solomon Stewart John Stevens John Combs Jonathan Hubbard jun<sup>r</sup> Thomas Symms Stanton Prentice Coll<sup>o</sup> John Hill Sam<sup>l</sup> Cummings Tho<sup>s</sup> Prentice Peter Powers Jun<sup>r</sup> William Spaulding Joseph Blanchard jun<sup>r</sup> Joseph French Jon<sup>a</sup> Powers, Sam<sup>l</sup> Greele, Jon<sup>a</sup> Hubbard William Downe Peter Stevens Sampson French James Stewart Robert Fletcher Jun<sup>r</sup> Eleazer Blanchard David Cheever Samuel Read Jonathan Whitney John Hubbard Jacob Gould Nehemiah Gould Robert Melvin Jerahmeel Powers Joseph Jackson James Coleman Peter Powers Dan<sup>l</sup> Taylor Samuel Greele jun<sup>r</sup> Zaccheus Lovewell Stephen Powers John Lovewell Jun<sup>r</sup> Joseph Winn Nath<sup>l</sup> Page Timothy Taylor One Right each Benjamin Bellows Six Rights Sam<sup>l</sup> Johnson jun<sup>r</sup> Two Rights——

Voted That we do hereby accept said Title and for Our Selves our heirs and Assigns do Acknowledge that We hold said Lands under said Title Conditions and Limitations with the Reservations therein mentioned—

Extract from the Votes of s<sup>d</sup> Meeting Copy Examined —

W<sup>m</sup> William Downe Prop<sup>rs</sup> Clerk

[*Draft of Lots.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 7, p. 146, and Proprietors' Records, Vol. 6, p. 90.]

|  | N <sup>o</sup> | Range | N <sup>o</sup> | Range | N <sup>o</sup> | Range |
|--|----------------|-------|----------------|-------|----------------|-------|
| Solomon Stewart . . . .                                      | 12             | 6     | 16             | 1     | 15             | 2     |
| Nathaniel Meserve . . . .                                    | 12             | 5     | 21             | 1     | 22             | 1     |
| John Stevens . . . . .                                       | 12             | 4     | 21             | 2     | 22             | 2     |
| Benjamin Bellows . . . .                                     | 12             | 7     | 1              | 6     | 2              | 6     |
| John Combs . . . . .   | 13             | 6     | 21             | 3     | 22             | 3     |
| Samuel Johnson jun <sup>r</sup> . . . .                      | 13             | 5     | 21             | 4     | 22             | 4     |
| George Jaffrey . . . . .                                     | 13             | 4     | 21             | 5     | 22             | 5     |
| Jonathan Hubbard jun <sup>r</sup> . . . .                    | 13             | 7     | 17             | 1     | 18             | 1     |
| Benjamin Bellows . . . . .                                   | 13             | 3     | 21             | 9     | 22             | 9     |
| Thomas Syms . . . . .  | 13             | 8     | 20             | 7     | 21             | 7     |
| Stanton Prentice . . . . .                                   | 14             | 3     | 18             | 3     | 19             | 3     |
| Richard Wibird . . . . .                                     | 14             | 5     | 19             | 5     | 20             | 5     |
| Coll <sup>o</sup> John Hill . . . . .                        | 14             | 6     | 21             | 6     | 22             | 6     |
| Samuel Cummings . . . . .                                    | 14             | 7     | 19             | 6     | 20             | 6     |
| Thomas Prentice . . . . .                                    | 14             | 8     | 15             | 8     | 17             | 8     |
| Peter Powers jun <sup>r</sup> . . . . .                      | 14             | 9     | 21             | 8     | 22             | 8     |
| Dan <sup>l</sup> Peirce & Mary Moor . . . .                  | 14             | 10    | 17             | 7     | 17             | 6     |
| John Tomlinson and }<br>John Tufton Mason Esq <sup>r</sup> } | 15             | 4     | 18             | 2     | 19             | 2     |
| William Spaulding . . . . .                                  | 15             | 5     | 17             | 5     | 19             | 1     |
| Joseph Blanchard jun <sup>r</sup> . . . .                    | 15             | 6     | 20             | 3     | 20             | 4     |
| Joseph French . . . . .                                      | 16             | 7     | 18             | 4     | 19             | 4     |
| Benjamin Bellows . . . . .                                   | 16             | 6     | 18             | 6     | 18             | 5     |
| John Rindge . . . . .  | 16             | 4     | 20             | 8     | 19             | 8     |
| Jonathan Powers . . . . .                                    | 11             | 4     | 1              | 4     | 2              | 4     |
| Minister . . . . .   | 11             | 5     | 2              | 1     | 3              | 1     |
| Samuel Greele . . . . .                                      | 11             | 6     | 2              | 2     | 4              | 2     |
| Jonathan Hubbard . . . . .                                   | 11             | 7     | 1              | 7     | 1              | 8     |
| John Wentworth . . . . .                                     | 11             | 9     | 12             | 9     | 12             | 10    |
| Joshua Peirce . . . . .                                      | 10             | 6     | 11             | 10    | 5              | 3     |
| Benjamin Bellows . . . . .                                   | 10             | 9     | 7              | 3     | 6              | 3     |
| William Parker . . . . .                                     | 9              | 9     | 8              | 3     | 8              | 4     |
| William Downe . . . . .                                      | 9              | 7     | 2              | 10    | 3              | 10    |
| Mathew Livermore . . . . .                                   | 9              | 10    | 10             | 5     | 7              | 10    |
| Peter Stevens . . . . .                                      | 9              | 3     | 10             | 3     | 4              | 10    |
| Sampson French . . . . .                                     | 9              | 1     | 10             | 1     | 9              | 5     |
| James Stewart . . . . .                                      | 8              | 1     | 8              | 2     | 6              | 6     |
| Robert Fletcher jun <sup>r</sup> . . . .                     | 8              | 8     | 9              | 8     | 6              | 8     |
| Eleazer Blanchard . . . . .                                  | 7              | 4     | 7              | 5     | 1              | 5     |
| David Cheever . . . . .                                      | 7              | 8     | 7              | 9     | 8              | 9     |
| John Moffatt . . . . .                                       | 6              | 4     | 7              | 2     | 4              | 5     |



|   | N <sup>o</sup> | Range | N <sup>o</sup> | Range | N <sup>o</sup> | Range |
|---|----------------|-------|----------------|-------|----------------|-------|
| Samuel Reed . . . .                     | 6              | 7     | 7              | 8     | 8              | 7     |
| Jonathan Whitney . . . .                | 6              | 9     | 5              | 9     | 8              | 5     |
| Theodore Atkinson . . . .               | 5              | 2     | 5              | 5     | 6              | 5     |
| John Hubbard . . . .                    | 17             | 9     | 13             | 9     | 3              | 9     |
| Jacob Gould . . . .                     | 18             | 9     | 18             | 8     | 18             | 7     |
| March & Solley . . . .                  | 6              | 2     | 2              | 9     | 10             | 2     |
| Thomas Packer . . . .                   | 6              | 1     | 5              | 1     | 7              | 1     |
| Nehemiah Gould . . . .                  | 4              | 1     | 3              | 4     | 17             | 2     |
| Robert Melvin . . . .                   | 3              | 4     | 10             | 8     | 22             | 7     |
| Jerahmeel Powers . . . .                | 8              | 10    | 3              | 5     | 5              | 10    |
| Joseph Jackson . . . .                  | 10             | 10    | 6              | 10    | 10             | 7     |
| Samuel Johnson Jun <sup>r</sup> . . . . | 10             | 4     | 9              | 4     | 9              | 2     |
| James Colman . . . .                    | 15             | 10    | 15             | 7     | 15             | 1     |
| Peter Powers . . . .                    | 15             | 9     | 16             | 10    | 16             | 5     |
| Benj <sup>a</sup> Bellows . . . .       | 16             | 9     | 16             | 8     | 12             | 3     |
| Daniel Taylor . . . .                   | 17             | 10    | 17             | 4     | 17             | 3     |
| Ministry . . . .                        | 18             | 10    | 11             | 3     | 11             | 2     |
| Samuel Greele jun <sup>r</sup> . . . .  | 4              | 4     | 5              | 4     | 3              | 2     |
| Zaccheus Lovewell . . . .               | 3              | 6     | 4              | 6     | 5              | 6     |
| Stephen Powers . . . .                  | 1              | 1     | 12             | 2     | 11             | 2     |
| John Lovewell jun <sup>r</sup> . . . .  | 1              | 2     | 13             | 1     | 13             | 2     |
| Thomas Wallingsford . . . .             | 1              | 3     | 2              | 3     | 14             | 2     |
| Joseph Blanchard . . . .                | 1              | 9     | 1              | 10    | 8              | 6     |
| Jotham Odiorne . . . .                  | 3              | 7     | 4              | 7     | 5              | 7     |
| Mark Hunking Wentworth . . . .          | 3              | 8     | 4              | 8     | 5              | 8     |
| Joseph Wynn . . . .                     | 20             | 10    | 20             | 9     | 7              | 6     |
| Nathaniel Page . . . .                  | 21             | 10    | 22             | 10    | 11             | 8     |
| Timothy Taylor . . . .                  | 19             | 10    | 19             | 9     | 16             | 2     |
| School Lott . . . .                     | 16             | 3     | 2              | 5     | 11             | 1     |
| Benjamin Bellows . . . .                | 15             | 3     | 4              | 9     | 14             | 1     |
| Mill Right . . . .                      | 12             | 8     | 2              | 8     | 2              | 7     |
| Common Rights for } . . . .             | 13             | 10    | 9              | 6     | 12             | 1     |
| the Prop <sup>rs</sup> } . . . .        | 14             | 4     | 20             | 1     | 20             | 2     |

A List of the Names of the Prop<sup>rs</sup> of the Township Called South Manadnock N<sup>o</sup> One and of the lotts by them Respectively drawn (as Sett against each persons name) in S<sup>d</sup> Township

William Downe Prop<sup>rs</sup> Clerk





[*Petition of Hale and Bridges, 1759.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 7, p. 147.]

To the Gentlemen Proprietors of Lands purchased of John Tufton Mason Esq<sup>r</sup> in the Province of New Hampshire—

The Memorial of John Hale & Moody Bridges Agents for the Proprietors of a Township Called Rowly Cannada Humbly Sheweth

That A. D. 1738 The great & General Court of his Majesty's Province of the Massachusetts Bay in New England made a Grant of a Tract of Land of the Contents of Six Miles Square to Cap<sup>t</sup> John Tyler Joseph Pike & others Officers & Soldiers in the Expedition to Cannada A D 1690 Lying Scituate to the Southward of Grand monadnock Mountain as a Gratuity for their Service in s<sup>d</sup> Expedition

That before the time Limitted by s<sup>d</sup> Court for the Settlement of s<sup>d</sup> Township was Expired s<sup>d</sup> proprietors began to bring forwards Settlements Pursuant to Court Act but were Retarded by the Commencement of a War with the French & Indians & as Soon as the War was Over they Entred upon the premises Again & were at Great Labour & Expencc in Clearing Roads Building of Mills & Dwelling Houses & in bringing forward Settlements to the Amount of Forty pounds Sterling to those who brought forward Settlements & to the Delinquents the Taxes Amounted to upwards of Ten pounds Sterling

That A. D. 1749 The Hon<sup>ble</sup> Joseph Blanchard Esq<sup>r</sup> Signified to our proprietors That s<sup>d</sup> Township was Claimed by the afores<sup>d</sup> proprietors of the Lands purchased of the s<sup>d</sup> John Tufton Mason Esq<sup>r</sup> & Desired a Conference with our prop<sup>rs</sup> in the affair which was Compl'y'd with by way of Com<sup>ttee</sup> who Reported that if the prop<sup>rs</sup> of Rowly Cannada would measure from the Sea Sixty Miles west & Should find that Rowly Cannada Lay to the west of the Sixty Miles End he the s<sup>d</sup> Joseph Blanchard Esq<sup>r</sup> had no pretentions to s<sup>d</sup> Township which line being measured as Afores<sup>d</sup> Did not go into s<sup>d</sup> Township So as to take off any Considerable part thereof but would only take off a Gore at one Coner of the Township which was So Trifeling that the prop<sup>rs</sup> were willing to Relinquish & Disclaim it provided they Could Enjoy the rest of the Township peaceably & Acquainted Col<sup>o</sup> Blanchard Accordingly & So Rested Easie not Expecting any further trouble or Difficulty. But So it was s<sup>d</sup> Township was Granted by Col<sup>o</sup> Blanchard to People who were not of the prop<sup>rs</sup> of s<sup>d</sup> Rowly Cannada Neither had we an offer of takeing the Township Under the afores<sup>d</sup> Prop<sup>rs</sup> of Masons Patent after s<sup>d</sup> Com<sup>ttee</sup> had Treated with Col<sup>o</sup> Blanchard & Reported as afores<sup>d</sup>—

That Soon After Col<sup>o</sup> Blanchard made the Afores<sup>d</sup> Grant An

Action was Commenced by one of the prop<sup>rs</sup> of s<sup>d</sup> New Grant Against one of our Settlers in s<sup>d</sup> Rowly Cannada in which Action Judgment went Against us & Execution Terminated in the Imprisonment of s<sup>d</sup> proprietor which put a Stop to the Settlement of Rowly Cannada and it hath not been in our power to Recover any Consideration of the New Grantees For our Labour in bringing forward Settlements as afores<sup>d</sup>. But they begin to Enter into the Houses we have built & Improve the Lands we have Clear'd Notwithstanding they Neglected Settling till years after the Time Limitted for Settling was Expired which Circumstance of their Neglect we would beg Leave to take Encouragement from—

Therefore Gentlemen we Now lay our Selves at your Clemency & Justice Praying that you would take our Case & Circumstances into your wise Consideration & Let us have a Grant or Charter of Monadnock Number one (Seeing it Now Reverts to you) Agreeable to the Grant thereof made by Col<sup>o</sup> Blanchard Afores<sup>d</sup> That So we may Enjoy the Benefit of our Labour as Also what Seems Dearer to us the Gratuity intended as a Reward for the Services our Ancestors Did in Defence of our Country A. D. 1690 And may it please the Gentlement Proprietors of s<sup>d</sup> Patent your Memorialists as in Duty Bound Shall Ever Pray—

Dated Boxford Oct<sup>r</sup> 24<sup>th</sup> 1759

John Hale            } Com<sup>tee</sup> for  
Moody Bridges } s<sup>d</sup> Proprietors

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[*Petition of John Hale, 1766.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 7, p. 148.]

To the Honourable Theodore Atkinson Esq<sup>r</sup> And Others Grantees to John Tuften Mason Esq<sup>r</sup>

The Memorial of John Hale of Boxford in the Prov<sup>ce</sup> of the Massachusetts Bay Humbly Sheweth

Whereas Your Memoralist about 24 Years ago Purchas'd of Nath<sup>l</sup> Fellows of Portsmouth a Proprietors Share in the Township called Rowley Canada Granted 1738 by the Prov<sup>ce</sup> of the Massachusetts Bay To Joseph Pike and others—And Entred upon it Built a House and Cleared about 30 or 40 Acres of the Land and Paid the Taxes on it And possess'd it for Some Years Not Doubting but he had a Legal Title to Said Lands and that on your Extending M<sup>r</sup> Masons Claim to those Lands he gave them up whereby He Suffered Great Loss Having Expended more then An Hundred Pounds Lawful Money on



them: And others Under Your Grant Rec<sup>d</sup> the Benefit of his Cost & Labours He Therefore Prays Gent: that you<sup>l</sup> take the matter under Consideration (his Loss and Interest on it Amounting to More then Two Hundred Pounds Lawfull money) And According to your wonted Goodness make him a Grant of Some Tract of your Lands forfeited for not Settling according to Grant in a place called the middle menadnick N<sup>o</sup> 2 or Else where or Grant him a Propriety in Some Lands who by Your Clemency may in Some measure have And obtain for his Great Loss—and as in Duty Bound Ever Pray

Boxford Dec<sup>r</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> 1766

John Hale

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[*Petition of Richard Peabody, 1767.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 7, p. 149.]

To the Honourable Theodore Atkinson Esq<sup>r</sup> and others Grantees to John Tuften Mason Esq<sup>r</sup>

The Memorial of Richard Peabody of Boxford in the Province of the Massachusetts Bay Humbly Sheweth

Whereas Your Memorialist was formerly a Grantee in a tract of Land Granted by the Province of the Massachusetts Bay Called Rowley Canada And had 2 Contiguous 80 Acre Lotts in it by allotment and purchase of which he has had the Quiet possession for more then 20 Years And has made large improvements on it by clearing More then 60 Acres of the Land and by Building a Good House And Barn on it——

Which Land on Settlement of the Province Line fell within the Province of New Hampshire and Masons Grant: and at the Laying out the Menadnocks N<sup>o</sup> 1 and N<sup>o</sup> 2 fell within the Grants of those Towns——

Your Memorialist further Shews that he has purchased part of his Said Lotts of a Proprietor of Said N<sup>o</sup> 1 and the remainder of them is Contained in a Lott of Land of 100 Acres Allotted for the Ministry in Said N<sup>o</sup> 2—And that Considering the great costs he had been at on Said 100 Acres he has often apply'd to the Proprietors of said N<sup>o</sup> 2 to take other lands for the Ministry in lieu of Said 100 Acres And let him enjoy his Improvements on it, who gave him Encouragem<sup>t</sup> they would do it but have Since Utterly refused—Gent: You may remember your letter to them Some time Since which was faithfully Delivered—They called a Meeting to take the Exchange of Lands under Consideration Agreeable to your Proposal but would Not at the Meeting make the Exchanges—Your Memorialist therefore Prays that You<sup>l</sup> take the matter Under Consideration And According to Your wonted

clemency, and the Encouragem<sup>t</sup> he had when last with you Provide that he may be Secured in his Possession of said Lands by Exchange or otherwise or grant him relief Some other way And he as in duty bound will Ever Pray

Boxford Feb: 2<sup>d</sup> 1767

Richard Peabody

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## ROCHESTER.

[This town, as incorporated May 10, 1722, included the present towns of Farmington and Milton. The westerly part was set off and incorporated as Farmington Dec. 1, 1798. Milton was set off and incorporated June 11, 1802. A part of the town was annexed to Barrington, July 10, 1846. A city charter was granted March 31, 1891.

See Massachusetts and New Hampshire charters in preceding volumes; IX, Bouton Town Papers, 721; XIII, Hammond Town Papers, 332; Index to Laws, 479; Historical Notices, by Joseph Haven, 2, Farmer and Moore's Historical Collections, 169; sketch, by Franklin McDuffee, Hurd's History of Strafford County, 1882, p. 719; History, by Franklin McDuffee, in two volumes, 1892, pp. 688; Bill of Mortality, 1776-1824, by Joseph Haven, 1, Collections of N. H. Historical Society, 283; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, p. 338; Biographical Notices of Physicians, 1, N. E. Hist. Gen. Register, 276.]

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[*Part of Rochester Charter.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 7, p. 151.]

Do give and grant unto sundry our beloved Subjects whose names are enrolled in a schedule hereunto annexed in the Proportion and after The maner therein mention'd all that Tract of Land lying and being between the river of salmons falls and the North Esterly side line of Barrington being bounded at the south East End by Dover head line and to Run norwesterly into the Country and South westerly upon Barrington headline according to the discretion of a Committe which shall be appointed by the Proprietors to lay out the same not Exceeding the quantity of ten milles square to gether with all the waters Rivers——

The abov a true Coppy of part of Rochester Chartar——

atest—John Gage Propri<sup>trs</sup> Clark

Dover Apral y<sup>e</sup> 17th 1749

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[*Deed of Part of Packer Lot, 1793.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 7, p. 152.]

Know all Men by these Presents, That We Sylvester Dering & Henry Packer Dering both of Shelter Island in the County of Suf-



folk and State of New York Esquires by our Attorney John Peirce of Portsmouth in the County of Rockingham and State of New Hampshire merchant— For and in consideration of the sum of one Hundred & three pounds Twelve Shillings Lawful Money to us in hand before the delivery hereof, well and truly paid by Moses Hodgdon of Dover in the County of Strafford & State of New Hampshire Yeoman the receipt whereof I do hereby acknowledge, have given, granted, bargained, sold; and by these presents do give, grant, bargain, sell, aliene, enfeof, convey and confirm unto the said Moses Hodgdon his heirs and assigns forever Two full and undivided Seventh parts of the Second Division Lot in Rochester Originally Laid out to the Right of Doctor Thomas Packer late of Portsmouth Esquire Deceased, and are the parts or Shares of our Father Thomas Dearing late of said Shelter Island Deceased he being the oldest Son of Elizabeth Dearing who was the Daughter of said Packer said Lot of Land Laid Out for Two Hundred & Forty Acres be the same more or less—

To Have and to Hold the said granted premises, with all the privileges and appurtenances to the same, belonging to him the said Moses Hodgdon his heirs and assigns, to his & their only proper use and benefit forever; And We the said Sylvester Dering & Henry Packer Dering our heirs, executors and administrators do hereby covenant, grant and agree to and with the said Moses Hodgdon his heirs and assigns, that until the delivery hereof we are the lawful owner of the said premises, & are seized and possessed thereof in our own right in fee-simple, and have full power and lawful authority to grant and convey the same in manner aforesaid: That the said premises are free and clear of all and every incumbrance whatsoever: And that we & our heirs, executors and administrators, shall, and will warrant the same to him the said Moses Hodgdon heirs and assigns, against the lawful claims & demands of any person or persons whomsoever.

In Witness whereof we by our said Attorney have hereunto set our hands and seals this Seventh day of March In the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety three

Signed, sealed and  
delivered in presence of us,  
the words *by our said*  
*Attorney of Land*  
being first Interlined

Elip<sup>t</sup> Ladd  
George Gains

Sylvester Dering by his  
Attorney John Peirce [seal]  
Henry Packer Dering by  
his Attorney John Peirce [seal]

State of New Hampshire } Portsmouth the 8<sup>th</sup> day of March one  
 Rockingham ss } thousand seven hundred and ninety three  
 Then the above Henry P. Dering & Sylvester Deering by their  
 Attorney John Peirce personally appearing, acknowledged the above  
 written instrument to be their free act and deed before me,  
 George Gains Justice Peace.

[Endorsed] It is belived the within deed was taken up & one  
 from direct from the Dering obtained

There was a nother share conveyed to Hodgdon as executor to a  
 Brother Deces<sup>d</sup> whose name was Henery

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### RUMNEY.

[Granted Oct. 4, 1761, to Samuel Olmstead and others. Regranted March 18,  
 1767, to Daniel Brainard and others.]

See New Hampshire charters in preceding volumes; IX, Bouton Town Papers,  
 730; XIII, Hammond Town Papers, 354; Index to Laws, 483; sketch, Child's  
 Gazetteer of Grafton County, 1886, p. 601; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856,  
 p. 581; Biography of Josiah Quincy, by J. E. Sargent, 1, Proceedings of Grafton  
 and Coös Bar Association, 43; Baptist Churches in N. H., by E. E. Cummings,  
 1836, p. 9; grant to Samuel Holland with Plymouth papers; Proceedings of Cele-  
 bration, July 4, 1876.]

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### [*Rumney Petitioners.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 7, p. 153.]

S<sup>r</sup> If any Grants Should be made before I Return (which will be  
 in about a Fortnight) pray ward the applyers from Rumney tis a  
 Mountainous Town But well Scituated and a Little Peace of Good  
 Land Adjoyning to Spencer & Cockermouth — here the Doctor  
 pitches and May have it if is Not Gone Before I Return Y<sup>r</sup> Remem-  
 brance will Greatly gratifie y<sup>rs</sup> to the Last

J Blanchard

John Gillmore  
 Hugh Ramsey  
 John Cristy  
 John Miller  
 William M<sup>c</sup>Clure  
 John Combs  
 Robert Usher

Jonathan Gillmore  
 John Moore  
 John Morrow  
 Joseph Parks  
 John M<sup>c</sup>Clenche  
 Samuel Spaulding  
 Zacheriah Sterns

James Gillmore  
 Thomas Christy  
 Gain Armour  
 John Usher  
 William Patten  
 William Wright  
 Daniel Sterns



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| Hugh Gillis                    | John Smith                        | Robert Park                    |
| Samuel Morison                 | John Tuft                         | David Criage                   |
| William Wallace                | Joseph Cochran                    | James Cochran                  |
| James Cochran Jun <sup>r</sup> | Samuel Alison                     | William Willson                |
| Joseph Blanchard Esq           | Isaac Farwell                     | Isaac Farwell Jun <sup>r</sup> |
| Benj <sup>a</sup> French       | Ebenezer Farwell                  | Thomas Cowen                   |
| James Cowen                    | Peter Russell                     | William Alld                   |
| Jonathan Cumings               | Jonathan Cumings Jun <sup>r</sup> | Benj <sup>a</sup> Davis        |
| William Lancy                  | William Read                      | John Parker                    |
| John Stearns                   | Jesse Cristy                      | And <sup>w</sup> Pack          |
| Robert Gillmore                | Samuel Willson                    | James Miltmore                 |
| Samuel Steel                   | And <sup>w</sup> Clindinin        | Robert Clindinin               |
| Thomas Morison                 | Benj <sup>a</sup> Butterfield     | Mathew Thornton                |
| Romney                         |                                   |                                |

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 SALEM.

[This town was constituted from parts of Haverhill District, Methuen, and Dracut, Mass., and was incorporated May 11, 1750. A new line between Salem and Windham was established Jan. 9, 1752-3. The charter was confirmed by the Masonian Proprietors, March 8, 1759.]

See New Hampshire charters in preceding volumes; IX, Bouton Town Papers, 744; XIII, Hammond Town Papers, 371; Index to Laws, 486; sketch, by A. H. Merrill, Hurd's History of Rockingham County, 1882, p. 469; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, p. 130; Two Sermons, 1816, by John Smith, 1817, pp. 30; Account of, Poore's Merrimack Valley, 1857-8, p. 239; Proceedings of 150th Anniversary of Congregational Church, 1890.]

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[*Petition of Samuel Hale, 1748-9.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 7, p. 154.]

To the Honourable Theodore Atkinson Esq<sup>r</sup> and the Other Proprietors of Masons Right

The Petition of Samuel Hale for Himself and Others Humbly Sheweth

That whereas a Grant of three hundred Acres of Land was made by the Government of the Massachusetts Bay to the Heirs of our Grandfather John Hale of Beverley deceased for reward of Service in the Canada Expedition Anno 1690 which Grant was laid out in Methuen District (so called) Bounded East on Haverhill old Line North on Woodbury's Farm West on Land Owners unknown South on (Land since known by) Greanleafs Farm and was then Claimed

by that Province but by the late Settlement of the Line it falls within this Prov: & within your Claim We therefore Pray that You would Confirm or Quit unto us said tract of Land and as in Duty bound shall ever Pray

Your Petitioners

Portsmouth New Hampshire }  
March the 1<sup>st</sup> 1748/9 }

Sam<sup>ll</sup> Hale  
for Himself & Others

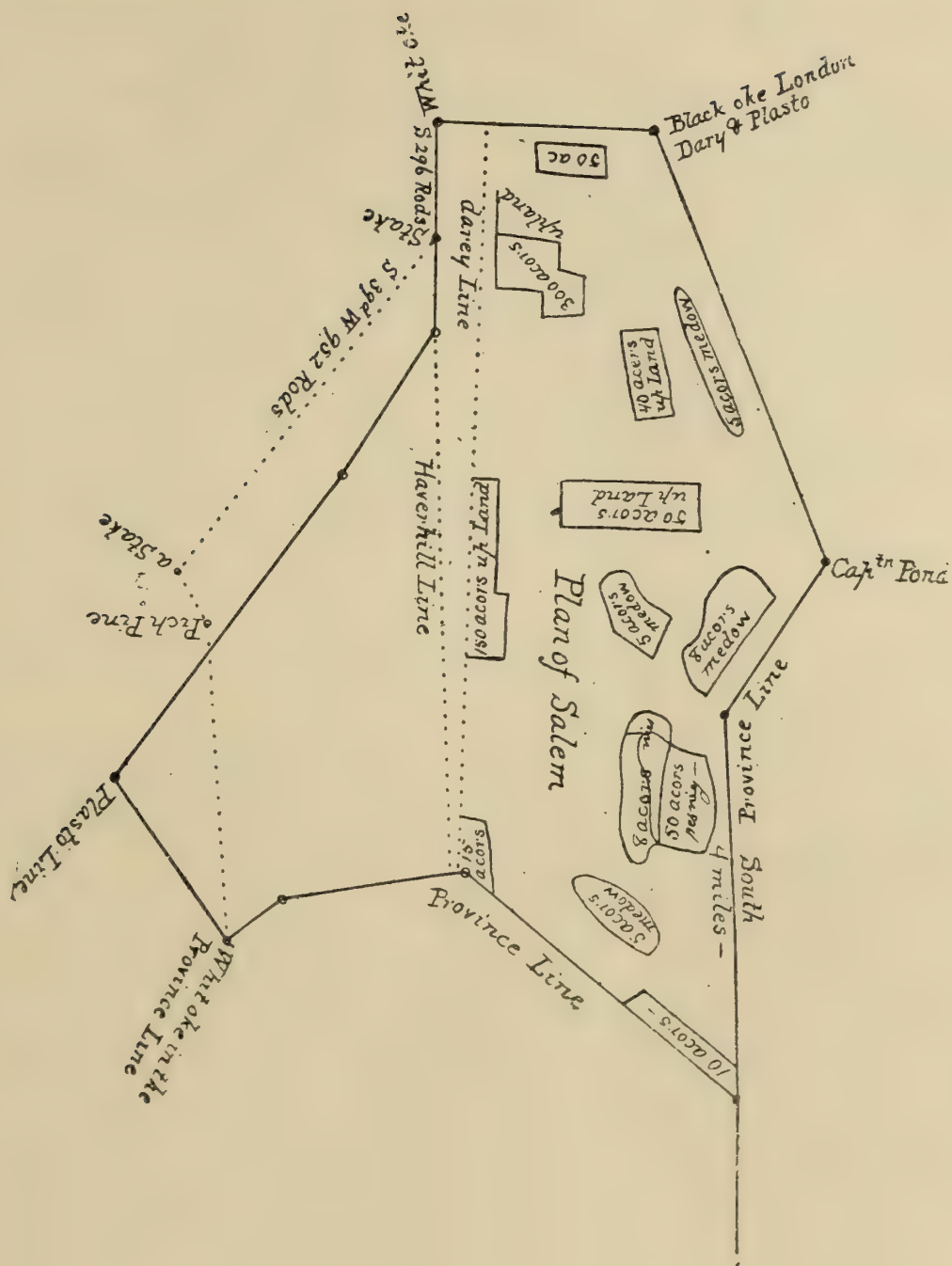
[*Petition and Plan, 1759.*]

Salem in } To the Honorable Proprietors that Came Under  
Newhamsher } Masons Patten tees  
Jan<sup>r</sup> 22: 1759 } Whereas We the undersigned have This Day Being informed that there is some of the inhabitants of the Town of Salem afore Said who have Petitioned or about to Petition to the S<sup>d</sup> Proprietors for the Land in S<sup>d</sup> Township Taking to their Society home they Please and Whome they Please they Refuse—

The Humble Petition of the We Subscribers to the Said Proprietors that if there is any Right that belongs to the Proprietors that the Town of Salem in General might be acquainted With it and that Your Petitioners Prays that it might Please Your Honors to Give the Town of Salem afore S<sup>d</sup> the Liberty of Purchasing By a majority and in So Doing it might Prevent a great Disturbance in S<sup>d</sup> Town your Petitioners further Prays that you Would Signify in Writing Your minds to us before you Do any thing as to Sale that the Town of Salem afore S<sup>d</sup> have their Voice in the Purchase: as Your Petitioners as in Duty Bound Shall Ever Pray

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|-------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------|
| Daniel Peaslee                | Jonathan Wheeler             | Isaac Clough senr      |
| Ebenezer Ayer                 | Timothy Johnson              | Jonathan Collis        |
| Jonathan Wheeler juner        | Daniel Mussey                | Thomas Duston          |
| Nathaniel Woodman             | Abial Asten                  | Obadiah Duston         |
| John Baley                    | Joshua Baylay                | John Lowel             |
| Stephen wheeler               | Benj <sup>a</sup> Rawlings   | Nathaniel merrill      |
| Caleb Duston                  | James Hasting                | william wheeler        |
| John Cross                    | James Gregg                  | william Curtis         |
| James Chase                   | John Lowel juner             | Edw <sup>d</sup> Clark |
| Israel Young Sen <sup>r</sup> | Israel young ju <sup>r</sup> | John Corrier           |
| Evan Jones                    | Edw <sup>d</sup> Carlton     | William Townsend       |





[*Quitclaim to Salem, 1759.*]

[Masonian Proprietors' Records, March 8, 1759.]

Whereas the Persons whose names are hereafter Express'd have applied to this Propriety for their right and Title to the lands they severally claim in the Township of Salem in the Province of New Hampshire excepting what is within the bounds of Londonderry & in

Consideration of their Improvements & for encouraging the Settlers—

Voted that there be and hereby is Granted to the said persons their heirs and assigns all the right, Title, Interest claim property and demand of said Proprietors according to the several and respective rights and claims of said Persons as they have or shall derive the same from the Proprietors of Haverhill or other grants made by the Government of the Province of the Massachusetts Bay and also to all such particular lotts of lands Situated as aforesaid which any of them hold in Common and undivided, but as to the hundred acres of land within said Township of Salem which was appropriated the one half for the first minister and the other half for the use of the ministry it is not intended to be comprehended in the foregoing vote, but all the right, title, Claim property and demand of this propriety or of the Proprietors first abovenamed, be and hereby is granted to the reverend M<sup>r</sup> Abner Bayly his heirs and assigns, the one half of said hundred acres to be taken where he has made his Improvements and the other half be and hereby is granted to remain for the use of the ministry in said Town of Salem forever—

Reverend M<sup>r</sup> Abner Bayley, John Bayley William Johnson, Stephen Wheeler, Timothy Johnson, James Hastings Edward Clark, James French, Thomas Dusten, Obadiah Dusten, Abiel Astin, James Ford, Ebenezer Page John Lowel Jun<sup>r</sup> Daniel Greenough, David Corlis William Townsend, Benjamin Rawlins Daniel Massey Timothy Beadle, Nathaniel Woodman, Israel Young Ju<sup>r</sup> Jacob Beadle, Benony Rowell, Samuel Ordway, Wid: Mary Clough, James Gragg, Samuel Clements Caleb Marble, Isaac Clough, the heirs of John Johnson, Even Jones Jun<sup>r</sup>, Israel Young, Samuel Parker, Caleb Dusten David Heath, Micah Amey, Wid: Hannah Webster Jonathan Corlis Jun<sup>r</sup>, John Lowel, David Burbank, Abraham Annis, Ruth Clements, John Currier, Daniel Peaslee Esq<sup>r</sup>, John Beadle, John Rowell, Joshua Bayley, Jonathan Tenney, Joseph Harris, Edward Carlton, Joshua Webster, Asa Pattee, Timothy Beadle Jun<sup>r</sup>, Jonathan Corles the 3<sup>d</sup>, Jonathan Corles, John Allen, Sarah Sanders John Pattee, Joseph Wright, James Swan, Richard Dow Nathaniel Dow, Obadiah Eastman, William Sanders Benjamin Wheeler Jun<sup>r</sup>, Andrew Balch, Jemima Kimball, William Wheeler, Timothy Swan, Ebenezer Ayer Seth Pattee, Richard Pattee, Peter Merrill, William Kelley, John Merrill, David Merrill, Jonathan Bayley Peter Uran, Benjamin Hilton Samuel Hilton, Oliver Sanders Alexander Gorden, Jonathan Wheeler Jun<sup>r</sup>, Benjamin Wheeler, Raphe Hall, Meshech Weare Esq<sup>r</sup>, Nathaniel Peaslee Esq<sup>r</sup>, John Greenleaf Esq<sup>r</sup>, Philip Haseltine, Joseph Corlis, Jonathan Sheppard, Richard Messer, John Simons, Thomas Eaton, Stephen



Webster, Moses Eaton, John Jaquish Josiah Brown Jeremiah Bayley, Ebenezer Webster, William Webster Martha Mitchell, Andrew Mitchell, William Mitchell, John Mitchell Ebenezer Mitchell, Humphry Bayley, John Hastings, Dinah Kimball, John Tippet James Jones, Richard Currier Nathaniel Lovejoy, John How John Smith Ithamar Emerson, Caleb Hall, Timothy Emerson Thomas Cross Richard Kelley Benjamin Clements, John Ladd, Doct<sup>r</sup> Anthony Emery, Joseph Badger, Nathaniel Kimball Richard Whittier, Thomas Whittier, William George Enoch Bartlett, Nathaniel Messer, John Watts, Richard Swan, Robert Swan, James Ayer, John Moores, John Hazzen Moses Hazzen, Abigail Hazzen, Isaac Kimball, Thomas Whittier Jun<sup>r</sup>, Samuel White, Esq<sup>r</sup>, John White, Asa Swan, Abiel Messer, Even Jones, Joseph Stevens, Ebenezer Ayer Jun<sup>r</sup>, Joseph Whitaker, Thomas Eaton Jun<sup>r</sup>, James Pecker, Stephen Dow, Peter Ayer, William Moss Nathan Ames, Abraham Day, Nathaniel Merrill.

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### SALISBURY.

[Granted by Massachusetts Feb. 3, 1736-7, and called *Baker's-town*. Granted by the Masonian Proprietors Oct. 25, 1749, to Ebenezer Stevens and others, and called *Stevens-town*. Also called at times, *Gerrish-town* and *New Salisbury*. Incorporated as Salisbury March 1, 1768. A tract of land from the east part of the town was combined with portions of Andover, Northfield, and Sanborn-ton, and incorporated as Franklin Dec. 24, 1828. A part of Franklin was annexed to Salisbury July 7, 1869.

See Massachusetts and New Hampshire charters in preceding volumes; IX, Bouton Town Papers, 753; XIII, Hammond Town Papers, 381; Index to Laws, 486, 522; Topographical and Historical Sketch, by M. Eastman, 3, Farmer and Moore's Historical Collections, 296; History, collated by John J. Dearborn, edited by James O. Adams and Henry P. Rolfe, 1890, pp. 888; sketch by J. J. Dearborn, Hurd's History of Merrimack County, 1885, p. 602; Life of Daniel Webster, by George Ticknor Curtis, 1889; Reminiscences of Daniel Webster, by Peter Harvey; Letters Explanatory of Difficulties Existing in the Baptist Church, 1827; Stewart's History of the Free Baptists, 1862, p. 252; Baptist Churches in N. H., by E. E. Cummings, 1836, pp. 7, 12, 15; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, p. 409.]

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[*Petition of Stephen Chase, 1748.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 133.]

Portsmouth Nov<sup>r</sup> 16<sup>th</sup> 1748

To the Gentlemen Proprietors & Purchasers of Cap<sup>t</sup> John Tufton  
Mason Esqu<sup>r</sup> his Right in Lands in y<sup>e</sup> Prov<sup>s</sup> of New Hampshire—

I the Subscriber humbly Shew that in or about y<sup>e</sup> year 1743 being a Proprietor in the Grant of a Township called Baker's Town did in my own Right & in y<sup>e</sup> Right of y<sup>e</sup> other Proprietors build a Saw Mill and Cleared and Sowed an Acre of Ground and also built a meeting house for y<sup>e</sup> Said Proprietors but now understanding the Right of Said Land is in you I earnestly Request that I may be a Grantee in Said Tract of land called Baker's Town, and that I may also have y<sup>e</sup> Benefit of the Mill I built upon Such Conditions & Terms as the Said Tract of Land Shall be granted & disposed of by you and you will oblige your very Hum: Serv<sup>t</sup>—

Stephen Chese

[*Names of Petitioners.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 7, p. 155.]

A List of the Petitioners for a New Township

|                                 |  |   |
|---------------------------------|--|---|
| Ebenezer Stevens                | Jedidiah Philbrick                         | John Judkins                                |
| Benjamin Clough                 | Sam <sup>ll</sup> Bean                     | Benjamin Stevens                            |
| Nathan Swett                    | Joseph Fifield                             | John Fifield Jun <sup>r</sup>               |
| Elisha Winslow                  | Jacob morril                               | Moses Quinbe                                |
| Benjamin Tucker                 | William Calf                               | Joshua Woodman                              |
| John Huntoon                    | John Huntoon Jun <sup>r</sup>              | Tristram Sanborn Jun <sup>r</sup>           |
| William Sanborn                 | John Lad Jun <sup>r</sup>                  | Ebenezer Long                               |
| Benjamin Wadleigh               | Abraham Green                              | Nathanael Lad                               |
| John Lad                        | Ebenezer Sleeper                           | Ebenezer Stevens Jun <sup>r</sup>           |
| Joseph Bean Jun <sup>r</sup>    | Nathanael Huntoon                          | Benjamin Sanborn                            |
| Sam <sup>ll</sup> Eastman Ter:  | Sam <sup>ll</sup> Eastman Jun <sup>r</sup> | Jeremiah Philbrick                          |
| Sam <sup>ll</sup> Fifield       | Joseph Seecomb                             | Joseph Clifford                             |
| Benjamin Choat Jun <sup>r</sup> | Jonathan Choat                             | Stephen Gillman                             |
| Ebenezer Eastman                | Tristram Sanborn Ter.                      | Peter Sanborn                               |
| Elisha Swett                    | Samuel Stevens                             | Joseph Grele                                |
| Sam <sup>ll</sup> Sanborn       | William Buswel Ter:                        | Daniel Gillman                              |
| Benjamin Sleeper                | Jeremy Webster                             | Sam <sup>ll</sup> Webster                   |
| Joshua Webster Jun <sup>r</sup> | Jonathan Sanborn Jun <sup>r</sup>          | Sam <sup>ll</sup> winslowe Jun <sup>r</sup> |
| Daniel Moody                    | Ephraim Collins                            | Humphry Hook                                |
| Sam <sup>ll</sup> Colcord       | Nathanael French Jun <sup>r</sup>          | John Currier                                |

Kingstown



[*Petition of Stevens and Philbrick, 1748.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 7, p. 156.]

Portsmouth Nov<sup>r</sup> y<sup>e</sup> 12<sup>th</sup> 1748

To the Gen<sup>tm</sup> Purchasers & Proprietors of Cap<sup>t</sup> John Tufton Mason Esqu<sup>r</sup> his Right of Land in y<sup>e</sup> Province of New Hampshire—

We y<sup>e</sup> Subscribers in behalf of ourselves & others Inhabitants of Kinston do request the favour of your Grant to Such a Number of us as you shall think best, a Tract of Land joining northerly upon Contocook on y<sup>e</sup> west of Merrimack upon Such Terms & Conditions as you shall think best and if not in that place where otherwise you shall find most Convenient & you will very much oblige us & others in whose behalfe we are Gent your most Hum: serv<sup>ts</sup>

Eben<sup>r</sup> Stevens

Jed<sup>h</sup> Philbrick

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[*Charter of Salisbury, 1749.*]

[Masonian Proprietors' Records, Oct. 25, 1749.]

Voted That there be and hereby is granted unto Ebenezer Stevens Esq, Jedidiah Philbrick, Ebenezer Page, Thomas Newman, Samuel Bean, Samuel Colcord, Benjamin Stevens, Jonathan Greely jun<sup>r</sup>, Nathan Swett Joseph Eastman jun<sup>r</sup> John Fifield jun<sup>r</sup>, Elisha Winslow, Henry Morrell, Moses Quinby, William Calf, Joshua Woodman, John Hontoon, John Hontoon jun<sup>r</sup>, Tristram Sanborn jun<sup>r</sup> John Ladd jun<sup>r</sup>, Eben<sup>r</sup> Long, Benj<sup>a</sup> Wadleigh, Abr<sup>'</sup>am Green Nath<sup>l</sup> Ladd, Benj<sup>a</sup> Ladd, Ebenezer Stevens jun<sup>r</sup>, Joseph Bean jun<sup>r</sup>, Nath<sup>l</sup> Hontoon, Tristram Quinby, Samuel Eastman jun<sup>r</sup>, Jeremiah Philbrick, Samuel Fifield, the rev<sup>d</sup> Joseph Secomb, Joseph Clifford, James Toppan, Ebenezer Eastman, Tristram Sanborn tertius, Peter Sanborn, Elisha Swett, Cap<sup>t</sup> Joseph Greely, Samnel Sanborn, William Russell tertius, John Darling jun<sup>r</sup>, Jeremiah Webster, Samuel Webster, Joshua Webster jun<sup>r</sup>, John Currier, Jonathan Sanborn jun<sup>r</sup>, Samuel Winslow j<sup>r</sup> Ephraim Collins, Humphry Hook, Jacob Quinby, Jon<sup>a</sup> Greely, Samuel Stevens all of Kingston in s<sup>d</sup> province, Peter Ayres of Haverhill, Jabez True & David Grely both of Salisbury, Benj<sup>a</sup> Sanborne of Kingston afores<sup>d</sup> and Phillip Call living on part of the Land herein after mentioned, & Peter Dearborn of Chester In Equal Shares on the Terms, Conditions & Limitations herein after expressed, all that Tract of Land within the province of New hampshire containing the Extent & Quantity of Six Miles Square Bounded as follows viz<sup>t</sup>—Beginning at a White Oak Tree Standing on the Brink of Merrimack

River Six Rods Southerly from a deep Gutter running into the River said Tree being marked on four Sides thence running West seventeen Degrees South nine Miles—then beginning again at the River at the said white Oak & running upon the River northerly about a Mile above the Crotch upon Pemigiwasset River to a large Rock in y<sup>e</sup> Bank of y<sup>e</sup> River at y<sup>e</sup> Head of Pemigiwasset great Falls thence running West fifteen Degrees South nine Miles—thence on a strait Line from the Westerly End of this Line to y<sup>e</sup> westerly End of the Line first mentioned on the other Side—To have and to hold to them, their Heirs & assigns, in equal Shares on the following Terms, Conditions & Limitations, That is to say, That the whole Tract of Land within the said Boundaries (saving what is herein after mentioned to be otherwise Improved) be divided into Eighty Shares or Rights & each Share into four Distinct Lots one of which is to contain Sixty Acres, and the other Three the rest of the Land belonging to each respective Share of which the Interval to be one Lot, That the Lots which belong to one Share be numbred with the same Number beginning with One & ending with Eighty—That the said Land be so laid out within one Year after the proclaiming of a peace with the Indians & then the Lots drawn in the usual manner of Drawing for Lots of Land in such Cases—And that this be done under the Care & Direction of the Grantors, & that there be but one Draft for the Lots which belong to one share That One of the said Shares be for the first Minister of the Gospel who shall be settled on said Land & Continue there during his Life or untill he shall be regularly dismissed, to hold to him his Heirs & Assigns. And one other of the said shares be for and toward the Support of the Gospel Ministry there for ever. And the Sixty Acre Lots belonging to these two Shares shall be laid out as near the place where the Meeting House shall be built as conveniently may be and drawn for as the other Lots. That there be ten acres of Land left in some Convenient place (as the Major part of the said Grantees shall Determine) within the said Boundaries for Building a Meeting house & School house upon & to improve for a Training field a Burying place & other public Use to which the Inhabitants there shall see Cause to apply it. That one other of said Shares be for the Use & Support of a School there for ever. That seventeen of said Shares be & hereby are reserved to the Use of the said proprietors the Grantors in these Presents their Heirs & Assigns. That the Owners of the other Sixty Shares make a regular Settlement there at their own Expence in the following Manner, viz<sup>t</sup> that within two Years after the said peace the said Owners or Grantees shall clear & make a good Cart Way from the place called Contoocoke to the place left for public Uses as afores<sup>d</sup> within the



said Boundaries—That within the three Years after the said peace the said Owners shall have a Saw-Mill built fit for sawing & making Boards & other Timber for the Use of the Settlers there & that the same be put under such a Regulation as shall best serve the Interest of the Settlement & that each Settler may be served in that Respect on reasonable Terms—That within four Years from the said Term Each Owner of the said Shares shall fell the Trees upon three Acres of the Land belonging to his Share and within one Year more shall clear and fit the same for mowing or Tillage—That within Six Years each of the said Owners shall build a House of sixteen foot Square or equal thereto on his respective Share & have two Acres of Land more fitted for Tillage or Mowing & the said House fitted to live in—That within seven Years after the said peace the said Owners build a Meeting House within the said Boundaries to be placed as aforesaid and finished fit for publick Worship within Eight Years from said Term & some person living in each Owners House there, & that within nine Years from said Term the said Owners & Settlers there maintain the preaching of the Gospel in said House. That each Owner of the said Sixty Shares pay to such person or persons as shall be appointed by the major part of the said Owners to receive the same, his proportion of all Sums of Money from time to time as the said major part of the said Owners shall Determine to be necessary to be paid for the carrying on the said Settlement & accomplishing the matters & Things afores<sup>d</sup> & what shall be herein after mentioned for the making perfecting & finishing the said Settlement—That in laying out the said Lots Care be taken to sort them in such a manner as to make the Shares as equal as possible—That the Lots be laid in Ranges where the Land will admit of it and Land left between the Ranges for high Ways of four Rods wide & between the Lots of two Rods wide where the Land will admit of it—That a plan of the whole when so laid out be made at the Charge of the said Owners & returned to the said Grantors as soon as may be Conveniently done at the Charge of the said owners—That the seventeen reserved Shares be Exonerated, acquitted & fully exempted from paying any Charge towards making the said Settlement & not held to the Conditions limited to the other Shares, nor liable to pay any Charge Tax or Assessment untill Improved by the respective Owners thereof or any under them—That all white pine Trees fit for masting the Royal Navy be & hereby are reserved & Granted to his Majesty his Heirs & Successors for ever for that purpose—That in Case the Grantees & Owners of the said Sixty Share shall neglect fail & omit to make & perfect the said Settlement in Manner aforesaid according to the True Intent & Meaning of the several Articles, Matters & Things herein before mentioned by them

to be done, the said Grantees & Owners shall forfeit their Right share & Interest in the said Granted premises to the Grantors their Heirs and Assigns (saving to such of the said owners as shall have done & performed his part & proportion of the said articles matters & Things his Respective Right & Share of the said premises) and the said Grantors their Heirs & Assigns may & it shall be lawful for them or any person or persons for them & in their Name & Stead to enter into & upon the Rights & Shares so forfeited, & the same again to seize, take possession of, & apply to their own use—Provided that if a War with the Indians should again happen before the Expiration of the several Limitations of Time for the doing & performing the said Matters & Things respectively then the same Term of Years to be allowed after that Impediment shall be removed—

And in Case any Action or Suit shall be brôt against the said Grantees or Owners for the said Tract of Land or any part thereof the said Grantees or Owners or such of them as shall be so sued shall be & hereby are obliged to Vouch the said Grantors their Heirs or Assigns & they the said Grantors hereby promise and Ingage that they their Heirs or Assigns shall & will at their own Cost & Charge Defend One Action or Suit upon one Title & pursue the same to final Judgment through the whole Course of the Law (if there shall be Occasion) and in Case the final Judgment in such Trial Shall be against the said Grantors, the Grantees or Owners shall recover nothing over in Satisfaction of & from the said Grantors their Executors or Administrators or any of them. And farther it is the true Intent & Meaning of the Grantors & the Grantees in these presents, That in Case any of the said Sixty Shares shall be forfeited to the Grantors by Default of performing the proportion of Duty in making the said Settlement as afores<sup>d</sup>, the said Grantors shall oblige those to whom they shall dispose of such shares to do & perform their proportion of those Articles Matters & Things herein Enjoined & required of the Original Grantees & in Case the said Grantors shall hold such forfeited Rights to themselves or any of them they shall do & perform all their proportion of Duty & pay their proportion of all Charge as is herein required of the Original Grantees—



[*Draft of Lots.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 7, p. 157, and Proprietors' Records, Vol. 6, p. 233.]

| Proprietors Names  | Numbers of y <sup>e</sup> Lots & Quantity |       |       |           |
|--|---|-------|-------|-----------|
| Ebez. Eastman . . . .  | 17.100                                    | 10.80 | 45.60 | 15. Inter |
| Tho <sup>s</sup> Packer Esq <sup>r</sup> . . . .                           | 62.100                                    | 57.80 | 62.60 | 58. Inter |
| Tho <sup>s</sup> Wallingford Esq <sup>r</sup> . . . .                      | 30.100                                    | 39.80 | 57.60 | 28. Inter |
| Tho <sup>s</sup> Newman . . . . .  | 25.100                                    | 16.80 | 52.60 | 23. Inter |
| Jonathan Greely jun <sup>r</sup> . . . .                                   | 15.100                                    | 8.80  | 27.60 | 13. Inter |
| Sam <sup>l</sup> Sanborn . . . . .   | 11.100                                    | 4.80  | 41.60 | 9. Inter  |
| John Wentworth jun <sup>r</sup> Esq <sup>r</sup> . . . .                   | 2.100                                     | 2.80  | 3.60  | 1. Inter  |
| Sam <sup>l</sup> Stevens . . . . .   | 52.100                                    | 21.80 | 23.60 | 48. Inter |
| David Greely . . . . .   | 72.100                                    | 71.80 | 72.60 | 68. Inter |
| Joshua Woodman . . . . .   | 8.100                                     | 45.80 | 32.60 | 6. Inter  |
| Joseph Eastman jun <sup>r</sup> . . . .                                    | 38.100                                    | 53.80 | 14.60 | 36. Inter |
| Samuel Webster . . . . .   | 68.100                                    | 65.80 | 68.60 | 64. Inter |
| Sam <sup>l</sup> Colcord . . . . .   | 50.100                                    | 19.80 | 21.60 | 46. Int   |
| John Huntoon jun <sup>r</sup> . . . . .                                    | 33.100                                    | 29.80 | 6.60  | 31. Int   |
| John Fifield jun <sup>r</sup> . . . . .                                    | 21.100                                    | 14.80 | 48.60 | 19. Inte  |
| Sam <sup>l</sup> Winslow jun <sup>r</sup> . . . . .                        | 77.100                                    | 75.80 | 77.60 | 73. Int   |
| Tristram Quinby . . . . .  | 9.100                                     | 44.80 | 29.60 | 7. Int    |
| Benj Stevens . . . . .   | 20.100                                    | 13.80 | 47.60 | 18. In    |
| D Peirce & Mary Moore . . . .  | 7.100                                     | 47.80 | 31.60 | 5. Inter  |
| John Ladd jun <sup>r</sup> . . . . .                                       | 75.100                                    | 68.80 | 75.60 | 71. Inte  |
| Jotham Odiorne Esq <sup>r</sup> . . . .                                    | 67.100                                    | 64.80 | 67.60 | 63. Inte  |
| Rich <sup>d</sup> Wibird Esq <sup>r</sup> . . . . .                        | 18.100                                    | 11.80 | 26.60 | 16. Inte  |
| Ephraim Collins . . . . .  | 41.100                                    | 79.80 | 39.60 | 78. In    |
| Tristram Sanborn Ter's . . . .   | 74.100                                    | 72.80 | 74.60 | 70. Int   |
| Law Lott N <sup>o</sup> 1 . . . . .  | 61.100                                    | 62.80 | 61.60 | 57. Int   |
| Jonathan Greely . . . . .  | 35.100                                    | 31.80 | 8.60  | 33. Inter |
| Joseph Bean jun <sup>r</sup> . . . . .                                     | 71.100                                    | 76.80 | 71.60 | 67. Int   |
| John Darling jun <sup>r</sup> . . . . .                                    | 51.100                                    | 20.80 | 22.60 | 47. Int   |
| Mark H. Wentworth Esq <sup>r</sup> . . . .                                 | 34.190                                    | 30.80 | 7.60  | 32. Int   |
| Hump <sup>y</sup> Hook . . . . .   | 58.100                                    | 28.80 | 38.60 | 54. Int   |
| Joseph Clifford . . . . .  | 22.100                                    | 15.80 | 49.60 | 20. Int   |
| Will <sup>m</sup> Bussell tert <sup>s</sup> . . . . .                      | 23.100                                    | 42.80 | 50.60 | 21. Int   |
| Peter Dearborn . . . . .   | 70.100                                    | 77.80 | 70.60 | 66. Int   |
| Sam <sup>l</sup> Solly & Clem <sup>t</sup> March Esq <sup>rs</sup> . . . . | 69.100                                    | 73.80 | 69.60 | 80. Int   |
| Nath <sup>l</sup> Huntoon . . . . .  | 13.100                                    | 6.80  | 43.60 | 11. Int   |
| Tristram Sanborn jun <sup>r</sup> . . . .                                  | 53.100                                    | 22.80 | 24.60 | 49. Int   |
| Josh Peirce Esq <sup>r</sup> . . . . .                                     | 5.100                                     | 55.80 | 28.60 | 4. Int    |
| Will <sup>m</sup> Calf . . . . .   | 80.100                                    | 78.80 | 80.60 | 76. In    |
| Nathan Swett . . . . .   | 14.100                                    | 7.80  | 30.60 | 12. In    |
| Henry Morrill . . . . .  | 36.100                                    | 32.80 | 9.60  | 34. In    |
| Peter Aires . . . . .  | 56.100                                    | 28.80 | 36.60 | 52. In    |

| Proprietors Names  | Numbers of y <sup>e</sup> Lots & Quantity |       |       |           |
|--|---|-------|-------|-----------|
| Benj <sup>n</sup> Sanborn . . .                              | 32.100                                    | 48.80 | 5.60  | 30. In    |
| Jacob Quinby . . .   | 54.100                                    | 23.80 | 25.60 | 50. Int   |
| Jedediah Philbrick . . .                                     | 10.100                                    | 43.80 | 40.60 | 8. In     |
| John Currier . . .   | 43.100                                    | 34.80 | 12.60 | 39. Int   |
| Jonath Sanborn jun <sup>r</sup> . . .                        | 29.100                                    | 40.80 | 56.60 | 27. Int   |
| Benj <sup>n</sup> Wadleigh . . .                             | 65.100                                    | 60.80 | 65.60 | 61. Int   |
| Jabez Trew . . .   | 6.100                                     | 46.80 | 19.60 | 79. In    |
| Elish Swett . . .  | 73.100                                    | 70.80 | 73.60 | 69. In    |
| Theod <sup>r</sup> Atkinson Esq <sup>r</sup> . . .           | 49.100                                    | 52.80 | 34.60 | 45. In    |
| Joshua Webster jun <sup>r</sup> . . .                        | 79.100                                    | 67.80 | 79.60 | 75. In    |
| Sam <sup>l</sup> Eastman jun <sup>r</sup> . . .              | 55.100                                    | 24.80 | 35.60 | 51. In    |
| Eben <sup>r</sup> Long . . .                                 | 37.100                                    | 54.80 | 10.60 | 35. In    |
| Ebenz Stevens jun <sup>r</sup> . . .                         | 44.100                                    | 35.80 | 15.60 | 40. In    |
| Jeremy Webster . . .   | 27.100                                    | 18.80 | 54.60 | 25. Int   |
| Abra <sup>m</sup> Green . . .                                | 12.100                                    | 5.80  | 42.60 | 10. Int   |
| John Huntoon . . .   | 66.100                                    | 63.80 | 66.60 | 62. Int   |
| Nath <sup>l</sup> Ladd . . .                                 | 39.100                                    | 50.80 | 58.60 | 37. Int   |
| John Moffatt Esq <sup>r</sup> . . .                          | 47.100                                    | 38.80 | 20.60 | 43. Int   |
| Joseph Greely . . .  | 48.100                                    | 51.80 | 33.60 | 44. Int   |
| Elisha Winslow . . .   | 63.100                                    | 58.80 | 63.60 | 57. Int   |
| Sam <sup>l</sup> Fifield . . .                               | 26.100                                    | 17.80 | 60.53 | 29. Inter |
| M. H. Wentworth Esq <sup>r</sup> . . .                       | 45.100                                    | 36.80 | 16.60 | 41. Int   |
| Law Lot N <sup>o</sup> 2 . . .                               | 57.100                                    | 25.80 | 37.60 | 53. Inter |
| Benj Ladd . . .  | 16.100                                    | 9.80  | 44.60 | 14. Int   |
| Jeremiah Philbrick . . .                                     | 19.100                                    | 12.80 | 46.60 | 17. Int   |
| Sam <sup>l</sup> Bean . . .                                  | 24.100                                    | 80.80 | 51.60 | 22. Int   |
| Eben <sup>r</sup> Stevens Esq <sup>r</sup> . . .             | 78.100                                    | 66.80 | 78.60 | 74. Int   |
| Mess <sup>rs</sup> Mason & Thomlinson Esq <sup>r</sup> . . . | 4.100                                     | 56.80 | 2.60  | 3. Int    |
| Mess Meserve Blanchard Green }<br>& P. March }               | 28.100                                    | 41.80 | 55.60 | 26. Inter |
| Eben <sup>r</sup> Page . . .                                 | 40.100                                    | 69.80 | 13.60 | 77. Inter |
| Moses Quinby . . .   | 31.100                                    | 49.80 | 4.60  | 29. Int   |
| Joseph Secomb Rev <sup>d</sup> . . .                         | 60.100                                    | 61.80 | 60.60 | 56. Int   |
| James Toppan . . .   | 76.100                                    | 74.80 | 76.60 | 72. Int   |
| Peter Sanborn . . .  | 42.100                                    | 80.33 | 11.60 | 38. Int   |
| Geo Jafrey Esq <sup>r</sup> . . .                            | 64.100                                    | 59.80 | 64.60 | 60. Int   |
| Phillip Call . . .   | 1.100                                     | 1.80  | 1.60  | 65. Int   |
| first Minister . . .   | 3.100                                     | 3.80  | 18.60 | 2. Int    |
| Ministry . . .   | 46.100                                    | 37.80 | 17.60 | 42. Int   |
| School . . .   | 59.100                                    | 27.80 | 49.60 | 55. In    |











A Plan of the Division of that Tract of Land (together with the Plan of the Interval herewith Exhibited & to be joyned to the foot hereof) Granted by the Proprietors of the Land Purchased of John Tufton Mason Esq to Ebenezer Stevens Esq & Jedediah Philbrook & others as Said Division has been made by the grantees to be returned to the Grantors in order to the Drawing of the Lots agreeable to the Vote by which it was Granted attest<sup>r</sup>

The Hund<sup>d</sup> Acres Lots are Laid out to be one mile Long & about 50 Rods wide

The 80 acre Lots are Laid out to be One mile Long & about 40 Rods wide

The Home Lots or 60 Acres are Laid out to be One mile Long & about 32 Rods wide

| Date |        | Description         |  | Amount  |  |
|------|--------|---------------------|--|---------|--|
| 1890 | Jan 1  | Balance             |  | 100.00  |  |
| 1890 | Jan 15 | Received from A. B. |  | 50.00   |  |
| 1890 | Feb 1  | Received from C. D. |  | 25.00   |  |
| 1890 | Mar 1  | Received from E. F. |  | 75.00   |  |
| 1890 | Apr 1  | Received from G. H. |  | 100.00  |  |
| 1890 | May 1  | Received from I. J. |  | 150.00  |  |
| 1890 | Jun 1  | Received from K. L. |  | 200.00  |  |
| 1890 | Jul 1  | Received from M. N. |  | 250.00  |  |
| 1890 | Aug 1  | Received from O. P. |  | 300.00  |  |
| 1890 | Sep 1  | Received from Q. R. |  | 350.00  |  |
| 1890 | Oct 1  | Received from S. T. |  | 400.00  |  |
| 1890 | Nov 1  | Received from U. V. |  | 450.00  |  |
| 1890 | Dec 1  | Received from W. X. |  | 500.00  |  |
| 1890 | Dec 31 | Total               |  | 2500.00 |  |

1890



[*Petition of Inhabitants, 1754.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 7, p. 158.]

To the Hon<sup>ble</sup> Theodore Atkinson Esq & Associates in the purchase of Masons Right (so Calld)

The Petition of the Grantees of that tract of Land Granted to the Hon<sup>ble</sup> Maj<sup>r</sup> Stevens & Associates, Now Called Stevens Town Humbly shews :

Whereas your Hon<sup>rs</sup> Grant to Us was on Terms & Conditions and Limitations; & among others this (viz) : That in Case any of the Grantees shall Neglect fail or omit to make & perfect the Settlement according to the Terms & Conditions of the Grant, that then every such share to be forfeited to the Grantors, Now we Humbly pray that your Hon<sup>rs</sup> will be pleas'd to Invest the Grantees with power & authority to Dispose of the shares of such Delinquents which we Humbly Conceive would Conduce more to the Settlement of s<sup>d</sup> Tract of Land, than as it now stands, for—

1<sup>st</sup> Your Hon<sup>rs</sup> Interest is now in s<sup>d</sup> Tract of Land so Connected together with the Grantees that the One Cannot be sought without the other & so the Grantees Cannot seek their own Interest in this Case separate & distinct from the Grantors, And if the Grantees have power to Dispose of such Rights or shares, by their Majority voteing, then that would save the Grantees A great deal of Trouble & Cost in Comeing to Portsmouth, and also save your Hon<sup>rs</sup> the trouble of heer-ing us, and disposing of the Rights, And further

As the Case now Stands If any person shall fail tho but in a small Article there is but one decree for him (viz<sup>t</sup>) then his whole Right Must be forfeited, whereas if it were in the power of the Grantees then at their Discretion, the Right might be disposed of Either the whole or in part according to the Deficiency of the Grantee or owner, again

The Grantees Liveing in the Country have a greater advantage of Judging who is Likely to settle, and so would do their utmost in all such Disposals to sell such shares or parts thereof to such persons as would be Likely to Settle, And so we Humbly submit this Case to your Hon<sup>rs</sup> Consideration praying that we may be heard & answerd—and this we Humbly Apprehend would greatly promote the settle-ment and so we are sincerely desirous of promoting the same under, and with your Hon<sup>rs</sup>

Kingston May  
the 21<sup>t</sup> day 1754

|                  |   |
|------------------|---|
| Samuel Fifield   | } Com <sup>tee</sup><br>for the<br>Grantees |
| Ebenezer Stevens |   |
| Elisha Swett     |   |
| Jeremy Webster   |   |

[*Forfeited Lots Granted to Town Proprietors, 1758.*]

[Masonian Proprietors' Records, March 6, 1758.]

Province of        )    Portsmouth March 6<sup>th</sup> 1758—Monday five of y<sup>e</sup>  
New Hampshire    { Clock afternoon—at the house of James Stoodly  
Innholder—The Proprietors meet according to Adjournment—

Whereas the said proprietors on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of October 1749 Granted their Right to a Certain Tract of land Containing the Extent and Quantity of Six miles Square the bounds of which are Particularly set forth in said Grant To Ebenezer Stevens Esq<sup>r</sup> Jedediah Philbrick and others therein named on Certain Conditions Limitations and Reservations as may more particularly appear by Reference to said Grant, among which Reservations is this viz<sup>t</sup> that every one of the said Grantees who shall not comply with and perform the Several Terms and Conditions, according to the true Tenor & meaning of the same as expressed in the said Grant should forfeit his respective Right in the same Grant made, to the Grantors, as may more fully appear by the said Grant, and whereas the Grantees have Petitioned the said Proprietors to Grant to those of the said Grantees who shall have performed the said terms and Conditions, all such rights and shares aforesaid, as are or shall be forfeited to them the said Grantors as aforesaid therefore—

Voted That all the said Rights Shares and parts thereof that are or shall be forfeited to the Grantors for the reasons aforesaid, all the right, property, Interest & Demand of the said Grantors of in and unto such forfeited rights and Shares and any and every part thereof are hereby Granted to Such of the said Grantees as have and shall do perform and Comply with the terms of said Grant to be determined by the majority of the said Grantees and disposed of as they shall agree and determine with this Limitation, that the said Grantees cause the same to be settled according to the tenor of said Grant within two years after the Indian Warr, shall be ended but in Default thereof the same shall revert to the said Proprietors as is Declared in said above recited Grant—

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[*Votes of Town Proprietors, 1781-9.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 7, p. 159.]

June 1781 at an adjournment of a meeting of the Proprietors of Salisbury the 5<sup>th</sup> article in the warrant was to See if the Proprietors will Choose a Committee to Settle the Bounderies of s<sup>d</sup> Salisbury with



Col.l Henry Gerrish who is Impowered By the Grantors to Settle the Same

agreeable to the 5<sup>th</sup> article in the above mentioned warrant Voted to Choose a Committee of three men to Join with Col.l Henry Gerrish to Perfix the Bounderies at the Western End of said Salisbury Provided he Comes with authority from the Grantors to Settle and Perfix the same Nextly Capt John Webster D<sup>n</sup> John Collins and Joseph Bean Esqr Chosen for the above Committee and the Meeting adjourned

at the adjournment the above Committee made a Report to the Meeting which is as follows (Viz) This may Certify the Gentlemen Proprietors of Salisbury that Col.l Gerrish Came to us with a Power of attourney that we Esteem Sufficient to settle the Bounderies at the western End of the Township of Salisbury and as it appeareth to us that there is a mistake in the Grantors in the Charters of Salisbury and Andover Interfering one upon the other and also a mistake in the Grantees in Laying out their Lots beyond the Limits of Nine Miles from Meremack River, we think it best to Give up our Claims to the Land North of the Seventeen Degrees upon the North side upon their Confirming to us as far westerly as to take in all our Lands that is Lotted which we have Encouragement from s<sup>d</sup> Gerrish upon a straight line

Salisbury octr 9<sup>th</sup> 1781

John Webster { in behalf  
of the  
Committee

the above Report being Read was Concur'd by a vote Provided the Grantors will Concur the Same

John Collins Proprietors Clerk

1789 at a Legal meeting of the Proprietors of Salisbury Voted that Joseph Bean Esqr Shall be the man to Perfix the boundaries at the western End of the Township of Salisbury if the Grantors will Settle the Same agreeable to the Proposals of the above Committee

J Collins Prs Clerk

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[*Letter from Henry Gerrish, 1801.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 7, p. 160.]

Boscawen May 5<sup>th</sup> 1801

S<sup>r</sup> I receiv<sup>d</sup> a Line from you in which was a Note of the Proprietors Moson Patten appoint<sup>s</sup> me an Agent in Behalf of Said Proprietors to Join with the Select men of Salisbury and Andover in Per-

ambulating & endeavour to Establish the Lines between Said Towns and Kyasarge Gore I have Call<sup>d</sup> upon the Select men of Salisbury & as they never have run & established the Line nor bounds on the west end of Salisbury the Select thinks they are not authorised to run any new line to perambulate those heretofore run but rather thinks it belongs to their Proprietors Committee the Committee thinks as I was only authorized to Join with the Select men that I am not authorised to settle the bounds & line with them—Now if your Proprietor Shall think proper to authorise me or any other person to Join with their Proprietors Committee the will attend the Business

I am your very Hembles Servant

Henry Gerrish

George Jaffray Esq<sup>r</sup> to be Communicated to the Proprietors

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## SANBORNTON.

[Granted by the Masonian Proprietors, Dec. 31, 1748, to John Sanborn, of Hampton, and others, and called *Sanborntown*. This territory was previously mentioned as *First Township*. Incorporated as Sanbornton March 1, 1770. Sanbornton Bridge was set off and incorporated as Tilton June 30, 1869. Part of Tilton was annexed to Sanbornton July 1, 1870, and parts of Sanbornton were annexed to Tilton July 1, 1870, and July 3, 1872.]

See New Hampshire charters in preceding volumes; IX, Bouton Town Papers, 755; XIII, Hammond Town Papers, 392; Index to Laws, 488; Historical Sketch, 3, Farmer and Moore's Historical Collections, 351; sketch, Hurd's History of Belknap County, 1885, p. 893; History, by M. T. Runnels, 2 vols, 1881-2; Acts of the Anti-Slavery Apostles, by Parker Pillsbury, 1883, p. 105; Baptist Churches in N. H., by E. E. Cummings, 1836, pp. 9, 18, 22; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, p. 507.]

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[*Names of Petitioners for Sanbornton.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 149.]

| The first town       |                         |                  |
|----------------------|-------------------------|------------------|
| Those of hampton     | frainses mason          | Those of Exeter  |
| John Samborn         | Samuel Harde            | aron Rawlins     |
| John Derbon          | Jonathan Crosbe Chister | Jonath fogg      |
| Thomas Blake         | Thomas Rawlins          | Jonath Robinson  |
| Daniel Sandburn      | Joseph Hoite            | Josiah Robinson  |
| Daniel Sandburn junr | Joseph Hoite junr       | william Sandburn |
| Edward Shaw          | william Tompson         | John fogg        |



|                   |                   |                  |
|-------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| John Taylor       | Paul Ladd         | Seth fogg        |
| Jeremiah Sandburn | Caleb Rawlins     | Jonath Longfalar |
| Daniel Keley      | Joseph Juett      | Samuel fogg      |
| Jabez Sandburn    | Joshua Rawlins    | Jethro person    |
| Abraham Sandburn  | Joseph Smith junr | Joseph Rawlins   |
| Simon Drake       | Benja mason       | Josiah Sandburn  |
| Ebenezer Sandburn | Daveid Stephens   | John Rawlins     |
| Nathan Longfoler  | Jonathan Chase    | Jonath Robinson  |
| Jonath Sandburn   | Thomas Chase      | Jonath Corly     |
| Jonath Shaw       | John wadligh      | Josiah Rawlins   |
| Marstian Sandburn | Jonathan Rawlins  | John Hopkinson   |
| Those of Stratham | Edward Taylor     | Johua Rawlins    |
| Joseph Smith      | william Chase     | Josiah fogg      |
| Josiah Smith      | Chase Taylor      | Josiah Sandburn  |

[*Bounds and Conditions of Settlement of Sanbornton and Meredith.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 7, p. 161.]

Memerrandom Gentell men plese to Consider on these amoment y<sup>t</sup> is we Desiere that If you Should grant us the Land in to townships we pray it may be 1<sup>ly</sup> bounded as followeth that is Begining at the Crocth winepossokey R and pemisegwassat Rivers and So Roning up s<sup>d</sup> pemisegwasot River About five miles and one half to a mapel tree standing by S<sup>d</sup> pemisegwasot River about sixty Rods above the mouth of Smiths River So Cold S<sup>d</sup> Smiths river being on the southwest side of pemisegwasot River s<sup>d</sup> mapel tree markt thus J S : J R : S F : J P and B : for bounds and 1748 on s<sup>d</sup> tree 2<sup>ly</sup> runing no : 55 Degrees Est six miles and one half to Beech tree markt J R : J S : S F : J P : with B : 1748 and thence 3<sup>ly</sup> Runing South thirty five Degrees E<sup>st</sup> 4 mils and 20 rods till it strikes the grate bay of winnepossokey River To a hamLock tree markt J R : J S : J P : S F : B : 1748 4<sup>ly</sup> thence Roning on s<sup>d</sup> bay and winnepossokey River to the Bounds first mentioned—

the above is the Bounds of the first town—

Now for the Bownds of the Second town—

1<sup>ly</sup> Begining at the n : o : Conner Bownds of the first town at the afore s<sup>d</sup> Beech markt O S : J J : J S : D C : J R : J S : J P : S F : B 1748 thence no : 35 Degres west one mile to a mapel tree markt thus O S : J J : J S : D C : B : 1748 thence roning north 55 Degrees Est till it striks Winepossokey Pond to a white Oke tree markt thus

O S: J J: J S: D C: B thence Runing by the afore s<sup>d</sup> Pond till it comes to the River winnepsackey then with S<sup>d</sup> River till it Striks the grate Bay: thence Runing no: 55 Degrees west to a hemLock tree Standing by the grate bay which is markt with Leters J R: J S: J P S F: B for Bownds and leters O S: J J: J S: D C: 1748 and from thence to the Beech tree which is the no conner of the first town

Conditions of Setteltment after the Land is given or granted to the second township—

1<sup>ly</sup> that thir be a suatable and Covenant Plase with 20: ackers of Land measured out and Left for incorragment in part to him or them that will build a sawmill first—

and that their be six akers of Land Left in the most Covenant plase for a Senter Square s<sup>d</sup> six akers to be cleared by the proprioters for to set a meeting house and a School hous on and for a burying place s<sup>d</sup> six akers never to be fenced or incombred aney other way than afore s<sup>d</sup> and if any person incroach there on the Survaryers of highways to clear the same as in cases of highways

2<sup>ndly</sup> that the Land be Laid out in two Divisions and drawn for at 2 Draughts but before aney is Drown for one Lot is to be chosen out for the pasnege by some meat parsons apointed by the propriaters of s<sup>d</sup> town the afore s<sup>d</sup> work to be Done with in one year after the Granting of s<sup>d</sup> Land

3<sup>rdly</sup> that the Propriaters Clear a bayey or horse way from the senter Squar to the nearst and most conveaniantest Plase to meat the propriaters way that the propriaters of the south town shall clear and that the propriaters of the first and second towns be at Equal Cost in Clearing the way most Best for Eich towns transporting to salt water

4<sup>ly</sup> that there be a saw mill fit to saw bult in three years from giving or granting s<sup>d</sup> Land and that the oners of of s<sup>d</sup> mill shall saw the propriaters Logs to the one half During the term of seven years after s<sup>d</sup> grants

5<sup>ly</sup> that the propriaters Clear and make a road for Carteing to the nereest and best plase till they met with the propriaters of the first town and then to be at an Eequal proportison Eich town namly the first and seccond towns to the salt water

S<sup>d</sup> way to be cleared within four years from the giveing or granting S<sup>d</sup> Land

6<sup>ly</sup> tha Each Propriator buld one house 14 feet wide and 18 fiet Long and A chimney (over and Above s<sup>d</sup> house and Clear and plant or Sow three akers of Land on his owen Right with in Eight years from the giveing or granting s<sup>d</sup> Land—



7<sup>ly</sup> that the propriators build a meeting house fit to preach in within ten years from the giving s<sup>d</sup> Land

8<sup>ly</sup> that the propriators meet on the first thursday in april anualley to Chouse a clark and assersors to asses and a colector or collectors to Collect such some or somes of money as shall be voted to be Raised by the mager of the propriaters at any meetings and that the colector or collectors after he or thay have Res<sup>d</sup> his or their Lists from the asesors Shall notify Each man of the some Raised in his List and Demand the same and the person or persons that Doth Refuse or neglect to pay the same for the Spase of 30 days after notis is given then the asesrs or the mager part of them to give under their hands to the collector what parte of that s<sup>d</sup> proprioters Land shall be sold at a publick vandue by the Collector for to pay s<sup>d</sup> tax and cost and s<sup>d</sup> collectors Deed Shall be Sufficiant against any proprioter or oner what so Ever and that the over plush if any their be Shall be retornd to the owener by the Colector and s<sup>d</sup> Collector to give 14 Days notes to the Clark of s<sup>d</sup> proprioty before the day of sail of the time and place to be Entred in the Clarks offis and after the Sail to make aretorn of what is Sold and to who to the Clarks office and s<sup>d</sup> Clark to Enter what is Sold and to who and to give coppeys theirot to the asesors in the month of apriel Anualley) these conditions ware voted by the second sioety and to be sent by the agent or agents

test Jos: Rawlins Clark  
of the Second Sociaty

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[*Bounds of Sanbornton.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 7, p. 162.]

the Boundareys of the first town as it is Laid out and Bounded Begining at a hemlock tree by the Grate bay of winipesoakey River marked with the Leter B and spotted on four sides and with the first Leters of Each of the Commiteys names and the Date of the year 1748 then Runing north 65 Degres west six miles to a beach marked on four sides then Runing South 55 deg<sup>rs</sup> west three mils and a Quarter or thereabouts to Pemisawaset River then Runing south Easterly on s<sup>d</sup> River to the Croch wher winepisokey River Comes into Pemisawaset River then Runing Easterly up s<sup>d</sup> winepisokey River to the Bay then by s<sup>d</sup> Bay to the Bounds first mentioned

[*Petition of Jeremiah Hubbard and Others.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 7, p. 164.]

Prov of New } To the Hon<sup>l</sup> Theodore Atkinson Esq<sup>r</sup> & others Pur-  
Hampshire } chasers & Proprietors of Masons Right so called—

The Petition of y<sup>e</sup> Subscribers Humbly Shews—That Some Years ago & before they were apprised of y<sup>e</sup> Right that you & your Predecessors had to a large Tract of Land in y<sup>e</sup> Prov<sup>e</sup> aforesaid They Petitioned his Excellency y<sup>e</sup> Gov<sup>r</sup> & Hon<sup>l</sup> Council for a Township at a Place commonly called y<sup>e</sup> Crotch on y<sup>e</sup> Nothern Side of Winepissiokee River & which they had Some Incouragement to hope y<sup>e</sup> Gov<sup>r</sup> & Council would grant but being lately inform of your Right & Claim humbly & earnestly request that they may have a Grant of a Township at y<sup>e</sup> Place aforesaid upon Such Terms & Conditions as you grant to other Inhabitants of this Province & as Speedily as shall be consistant with your Conveniency & your Petitioners as in Duty bound Shall ever Pray—

|                    |                  |                                |
|--------------------|------------------|--------------------------------|
| Jermiah Hubbard    | Richard Hubbard  | John loufkin                   |
| Joshua Webster     | Joshua Brown     | Jeremiah Philbrick             |
| Charel Hunton      | Jonathan french  | Samuel Webster ju <sup>r</sup> |
| Benjamin french    | william Sleeper  | Ebenezer Watson                |
| William Selaway    | Richard Tande    | Benjamin Swett                 |
| Joseph hubbord     | Joseph Eastman   | Samuel Welch                   |
| Joel Judkin        | David welch      | John Nuton                     |
| Benjamin Eastman   | John Hubbard     | Joseph fellows                 |
| Samuel Scrivenr    | Robart barber    | Ephraim Severance              |
| Benjamin Webster   | Joseph Sleeper   | Joseph Welch                   |
| John young         | Jonathan young   | hezekiah young                 |
| benjamin Severance | Isaac Clafford   | John dent                      |
| Samuel hunton      | Caleb Towl       | David quimbe                   |
| Daniel young       | Samuel Eastman   | Davison Dudly                  |
| Timothy Eastman    | Robart Swett     | William gillman                |
|                    | William Lovering |                                |

[*List of Names of Petitioners, 1748.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 7, p. 165.]

A List of the mens Names that Petitioned for a Township (by Richard hubbard and Daniel young) in the year of our Lord 1748 Dec<sup>r</sup> 8<sup>th</sup>



|                    |                   |                                |
|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------------------|
| Jeremiah hubbard   | Samuel Eastman    | David Quimbe                   |
| Richard hubbard    | John hubbard      | Isaac Clafford                 |
| William Sleeper    | Joel Judkins      | John Lovekin                   |
| Timothy Eastman    | Joseph fellows    | Robart Swett                   |
| Benjamin Webster   | William Gillman   | Joshua webster                 |
| Benjamin Eastman   | Joseph Welch      | David Welch                    |
| Benjamin Severance | Richard Tande     | John Nuton                     |
| Jonathan young     | Benjamin Swett    | John Dente                     |
| Samuel hunton      | Daniel young      | Joseph hubbard                 |
| Ebenezer Watson    | Benjamin french   | Joshua brown                   |
| hezekiah young     | John young        | Robart barber                  |
| William Loverin    | Jonathan french   | Joseph Sleeper                 |
| Davison Dudly      | Ephraim Severance | Samuel Webster ju <sup>r</sup> |
| Samuel Scrivenor   | Charles hunton    | Jeremiah Philbrick             |
| Caleb Towl         | Samuel Welch      | Joseph Eastman                 |
| Thomas Welch       | Paul Sanborn      | John Clark                     |
| Jabez Peag         | William Clafford  | Benjamin Selley                |
| Aaron Quimbe       | Elisha Towl       | Josiah hunton                  |
| Edward Sleeper     | Ebenezer Eastman  |                                |

Kingston in the Province of New Hampshire

[*Proposals of Hubbard and Young, 1749.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 7, p. 166.]

The Preposals of Hubbord And young and Their associats As thay incline to Settle the town

Kingston March the 28<sup>th</sup> Annoq<sup>e</sup> Domini 1749

Benjamin Swett  
Clark of the Society

To The Honourable Theo<sup>r</sup> Adkinson Esq<sup>r</sup> and others (gentelmen) propriators of the mason Right. Honoured Sirs; Whereas you have been pleased To ingage us a Township Laying on Pemachewosick river in this his Majestys province of New hampshire &C

These Are therefore humbly to Intreat you to make us a grant of a township next too and adjoining on brown<sup>s</sup> Containing Six miles Square as the orders was we received of you to Lay oute; as followeth viz firstly to sixty men Resvering To your selves Seventeen rights free from all Charge untill a ministor be Setteled or you Sell or Settel your rights and three rights more To be Desposed of thus. one to the first minister that We the Sixty men to Whom you make this grante Shall Call & settle with us—

the second to Lay a Personage for Ever—  
the third for the benifit of a school forever.

The Sixty Rights Which is three quarters of the town to be hubbords and youngs and their associates forever Provided we settle it in the following order viz—

The first year after We have peace With our french and Indin Enemies To Lay out the Town in the fowllowing order firstly in the Centor to Lay oute a town squar of four acres and Lay oute all the Land in the town into three Divisions you gentlemen proprietors Takeing your Draught with us as your Lot shall fall

the Second year af<sup>r</sup> s<sup>d</sup> peace to Clear a Carte way from the adjason town to the Cen<sup>r</sup> and Clear s<sup>d</sup> square the third year after s<sup>d</sup> peace to fall 4 acres of Trees on Each of the sixty rights which is ours the forth year after said peace to Clear Said 4 acres of trees which was fell the 5<sup>th</sup> year after s<sup>d</sup> peace to build a saw mill—the 7<sup>th</sup> year after s<sup>d</sup> peace to build 20 houses of 16 feet square the 8<sup>th</sup> year after s<sup>d</sup> peace to build 10 houses more the 9<sup>th</sup> year after s<sup>d</sup> peace to settle 20 families the 10<sup>th</sup> year to settle 10 families more and the Eleventh year af<sup>r</sup> s<sup>d</sup> peace to raise a meeting house the 12<sup>th</sup> year to finish it & have the Preaching of the gospel in it

Resolved That the whole Tract of land for y<sup>e</sup> Township consisting of six miles square be laid out into one hundred shares—and y<sup>e</sup> Rights divided into three Divisions—

That all y<sup>e</sup> Conditions of y<sup>e</sup> Grant be complied with in eight years after a Peace with y<sup>e</sup> Indians

the twenty shares Reserved to be at no Expence or charge of Settlement or other Town Charge till Settled or Disposed of by y<sup>e</sup> Grantors

That the Grantees enter into a Covenant or Contract with y<sup>e</sup> Grantors for their faithfull Compliance with the Terms of their Grant

April 5<sup>th</sup> 1748

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[*Charter of Sanbornton, 1748.*]

[Masonian Proprietors' Records, Dec. 31, 1748.]

Province of } Portsmouth December 31<sup>st</sup> 1748 Saturday Eleven  
New Hampshire } of the Clock before noon at the Dwelling house of  
Sarah Prust Widow—The Proprietors Meet according to Adjournment—

Voted That there be and hereby is granted unto John Samborn John Dearborn Thomas Blake Daniel Samborn Daniel Samborn jun<sup>r</sup>



Edward Shaw John Taylor Jeremiah Samborn Daniel Kelly Jabez Samborn Abraham Samborn Simon Drake Ebenezer Samborn Nathan Longfellow Jonathan Samborn Jonathan Shaw Marston Samborn all of Hampton in said Province Aaron Rawlins Jonathan Fogg Jonathan Robinson Josiah Robinson William Samborn John Fogg Seth Fogg Jonathan Longfellow Samuel Fogg Jethro Pearson Joseph Rawlins Josiah Samborn John Rawlins Jonathan Corley Josiah Rawlins John Hopkinson Joshua Rawlins Josiah Fogg Josiah Samborn Jon<sup>a</sup> Robinson all of Exeter in said Province Joseph Smith Josiah Smith Francis Marston Samuel Hardy Thomas Rawlins Joseph Hoit Joseph Hoit jun<sup>r</sup> William Thompson Paul Ladd Caleb Rawlins Joseph Jewit Joshua Rawlins Joseph Smith Jun<sup>r</sup> Benjamin Mason David Stephens Jonathan Chase Thomas Chase John Wadleigh Jonathan Rawlins Edward Taylor William Chase Chase Taylor all of Stretham in said Province & Jonathan Crosby of Chester in said Province together with twenty other Persons hereafter to be named by said Proprietors in Equal Shares Excepting as hereafter herein Excepted on the Terms Conditions and Limitations herein after Expressed all that tract of Land within the Province of New Hampshire Containing the Extent & Quantity of Six Miles Square Bounded as follows viz<sup>t</sup> Beginning at an Hemlock tree Standing by the great Bay of Winnepiseoky River marked with the Letter B. & Several other Letters & the Date of the Year 1748 & Spotted on four sides then running North Sixty five Degrees West Six Miles to a Beech tree marked on four sides then running South fifty five Degrees West to Pemigiwasset River then running as said River runs bounding on the same to the Crotch made by said Rivers thence Easterly up said Winnepiseoky River to the Bay aforesaid then by said Bay to the Tree first Mentioned where it begins. To have and to hold to them their heirs & assigns in Equal Shares Excepting as aforesaid on the following Terms Conditions & Limitations That is to Say That the whole Tract of Land within the Said Boundaries (Saving what is herein after mentioned to be otherwise Improved) be Divided into one hundred Shares or Rights & Each Share be Laid out into two Distinct Lots one of which to Contain One hundred acres & the other all the Land belonging to Each Respective Share. That the whole be so Laid out & the two Lots belonging to Each share be Numbred with the Same Number beginning with one & Ending with one hundred. That the said Land be so Laid out within One Year from the Granting thereof and then the Lots drawn for in the usual manner of Drawing for Lots of Land in such Cases and that this be done at Portsmouth in said Province under the Care & Direction of the Proprietors aforesaid & so Done as to make but one Draft

to Each Share That one of the said Shares be for the first Minister of the Gospel who shall be Settled on the said Land & Continue there during his Life or untill he shall be Regularly Dismist to hold to him his Heirs & assigns. And one other of the said shares be for and towards the Support of the Gospel Ministry there forever and the hundred Acre Lott belonging to these two shares shall be Laid out as near the Place where the meeting house shall be built as may Conveniently be done & not to be drawn as the other Lots. That there be Six acres of Land left in Some Convenient Place within the said Boundaries for building a Meeting-house & school house upon making a Training field a Burying Place & for any other public use the Inhabitants there shall see Cause to make of it That Seventeen of the said shares be Reserved to the use of the said Proprietors the Grantors & their Heirs & assigns & one of the said Shares be for the use & Support of a School there forever. That the owners of the other Eighty Shares make a Regular Settlement there at their own Charge in the following Manner viz<sup>t</sup> That Each Owner of the Said Eighty shares Build an house of Eighteen foot Long & fourteen foot wide or equal thereto upon Some Part of his land there & Clear three acres thereof fit for Tillage or mowing within Eight Years from the Granting the same as aforesaid And that the Said Owners Build a Meeting house there (upon the Land to be Left for that purpose as afores<sup>d</sup>) fit for the Public worship of God for the use of the Inhabitants there within ten Years from the making this Grant and maintain the Preaching of the Gospel there Constantly after twelve Years from that time That there be twenty Acres of Land Left in some Suitable place for a Privilege & Accommodation of a Saw Mill which shall be to him his Heirs & Assigns who will build Such a Mill within the time herein after Limited with the Privilege of the most Convenient Stream & place for Doing the Same and in Consideration thereof for the benefit of the Inhabitants & Owners aforesaid the Owner or owners of such Mill Shall Saw the Loggs of the said Owners of the said Shares & other Inhabitants there to the halves for the term of ten Years next after the said Mill shall first work That whoever Shall appear & Undertake to Build said Mill shall perform the Same fit for Constant working within three Years from this time and if no Particular Person or Persons of the Owners of the said Shares or Such as the Majority of them shall permit to Do the Same will undertake to Build Such Mill as aforesaid then the Said Owners to do the Same at their General Expence & put the said Mill under Such a Regulation as that they & others Inhabiting there may be Seasonably & Reasonably Served by having Boards & other Timber Sawed which may be Necessary for building upon Said Granted



Premises—That Each owner of the said Eighty shares pay to Such Person or Persons as the Major part of them Shall Chuse for that Purpose all such Sums of Money or Bills of Public Credit as the said Owners or the Major Part of them Shall Determine to be necessary from time to time, and as Occasion Shall Require to defray the Charges of Laying out said Land and other matters & things necessary to make a Settlement as aforesaid & performing the other Particulars herein Enjoyned & Directed to be Done. That in Laying out the said Lots Care be taken to Sort them in Such a manner as to make the Shares as Equal as Possible That the lots be Laid out in Ranges where the Land will admit of it & Land Left between the Ranges for highways four Rods wide & between the Lots for ways of two Rods wide and that a Plan of the whole laying out be made at the Charge of the said owners & Return'd to the Grantors as soon as may be Done w<sup>th</sup> Conveniency That the Seventeen Reserved Shares be Exonerated acquitted & fully Exempted from paying any Charge towards making the said Settlement and not held to the Conditions of the other Eighty shares nor Liable to any Tax or Assessment until Improved by the Respective Owners. That all White Pine Trees fit for his Majestys use for Masting the Royall Navy be and hereby are Reserved and are hereby Granted to his Majesty his heirs & Successors for that Purpose. And in Case any of the Owners of the Said Eighty shares shall Refuse Neglect or Omit to perform & fully discharge any of the Conditions Articles Matters & things herein Enjoyned Directed & ordered to be Done by the said Grantors as aforesaid he shall forfeit his Share & Right in the said Tract of Land & Every Part thereof to the said Grantors their Heirs & Assigns and it shall & may be Lawfull for them or any of them or any Person by their Order or the Order of the Major Part of them in their Name and Stead to Enter into & upon the Part or share of such Delinquent owner & him utterly thence to Amove oust Expel & Eject for the use of Said Grantors their Heirs & Assigns Provided Nevertheless & it is the true intent & meaning of the said Grantors in these Presents that Such forfeited Shares & Every & Each of them Shall not be Discharged by Such forfeiture from the Charge Burthen & Duty of Settling as aforesaid & performing all the Articles Matters & things herein above Specefied for each Owner of the Shares afores<sup>d</sup> to do and the said Grantors in Case they shall hold Such forfeited Shares shall & will do & perform the same & in Case of granting them again will Enjoin & Oblige the Grantees so to do—And the said Grantors do hereby Ingage & promise to the said Grantees to defend them their Heirs & Assigns in the Possession of the said Granted premises against the Lawfull Claims of any Person or Persons Claiming by

any other title than the Grantors or that from whence theirs is derived with this Condition & Limitation that in Case of Eviction & Recovery against the said Grantees by any such Title that they Recover Nothing Over in Satisfaction of & from the said Grantors their Heirs Exec<sup>rs</sup> or Amin<sup>rs</sup> or any of them

Provided there be no Indian war within any of the Terms & Limitations of time above mention'd for perform<sup>g</sup> the said Articles & things afores<sup>d</sup> to be done & perform'd by any of the said Owners of y<sup>e</sup> s<sup>d</sup> Eighty shares and in Case that Should happen the same times to be allow'd for the Respective Matters afores<sup>d</sup> after Such Impediment shall be Removed—

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[*Report of Surveying Committee, 1750.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 7, p. 167.]

we the subscriber being A Commetee Chosen the twenty first of June 1750 in order to lay out one hundred New lot to each proprioter In the town Granted to John Sanburn & oy<sup>rs</sup> in the crotch of y<sup>e</sup> River we proceeded Accordingly and laid out, Eighty, one hundred Acre lots, In four Ranges, Running from the great Bay South Seventy eight Degrees west to pigmisiwasock River and have marked & numbred the Lots as may be Seen in the plan which measures as follows (Viz) Each Lot is one hundred & Sixty Rod in Length & one hundred Rod in Breadth Excepting those that joyns the bay & River which may be found in the plan all the lots Runs North twelve Degrees west The high ways are Laid out four Rod wide betwixt the Ranges and also High ways between the Lots are two Rod wide as is mark<sup>d</sup> in the plan — The Center Square which Contains 6 Acres Lyes in the Seventy Six Lot which is for the first min<sup>r</sup> & in the Seventy Seventh which is the personage Lot Also we Alow twenty Acres out of the Sixty fifth Lot In A convenient place upon Salmon Brook for A miln Priviledge.

|                |   |          |
|----------------|---|----------|
| Samuel fogg    | } | Commatee |
| John Hopkinson |   |          |
| Seth Fogg      |   |          |
| Daniel Samborn |   |          |

Given under our hands at Exeter this 30<sup>th</sup> of August 1750

Jon<sup>a</sup> Longfellow Survayer

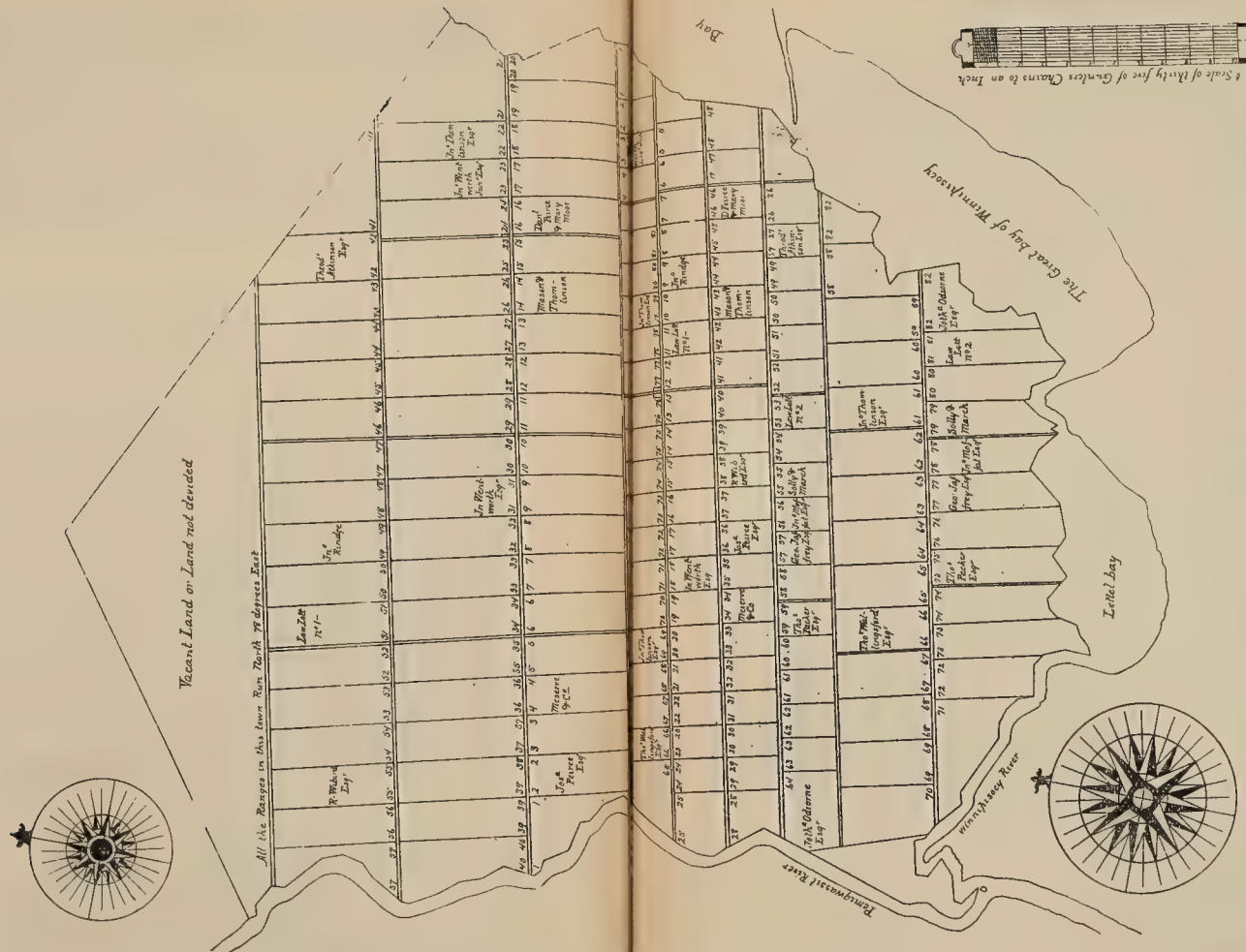








[*Plan of Southampton, 1752.*]



A Plan of a town lying in the Crotch of merimeck River y<sup>e</sup> said town was Granted to a number of Petitioners by the Purchisers of John Tuftin mason Esq's his Right—

Surveyed Annodomini 1750 & 52 by Jonathan longfallow Surveyor of y<sup>e</sup> first devison of lots and Daniel Samborn Surveyor of y<sup>e</sup> Second devis-  
ion Pland december th 5<sup>th</sup> Anno domini 1752

[Pencil note] The 1<sup>st</sup> Division I take to be the 4 Ranges of Small Pots—100 A each—the 2<sup>d</sup> Divis all the remainder

by Daniel Samborn





[*Report of Committee on Second Division, 1752.*]

[*Masonian Papers, Vol. 7, p. 168.*]

We The Subscribers being A Commatee Chosen the twenty Sixth Day of october 1752 In Order to lay out the Second Division of Land of a town in the Crotch of merrneck Granted to John Sanburn & oyr<sup>s</sup> into 82 Lots and we proceeded and did Accordingly & laid them out as follows (Viz) Beginning at Pigmiswaswit River & laying three Ranges of lots joyning upon the North end of the first Division of lots Running from Peemigwaset River North Seventy Eight Degrees East Cross the Township with high ways four Rod in Breadth betwixt the Ranges & two Rods in breadth Betwixt the Lots The lots in length are three hundred & Sixty Rods and one hundred & thirteen in Breadth Excepting those that joyns to the Bay & River which Contents may be found by the plann, and the above mentioned three Ranges Contan fifty Seven Lots and then Laying out two Ranges of lots upon the South end of the first Division Lots Beginning at the great Bay the first lot Bordering & Belonging to the first Division Numb<sup>rd</sup> 82 the Lots joyning upon the first Division are two hundred & eighty Rod in lengh & one hundred and thirty Rods in Breadth these lots following being of Difrent width appears as follows (Viz 82<sup>nd</sup> Lot 180 Rod width 81<sup>st</sup> 100 Rods the 80<sup>th</sup> 104 Rod 79<sup>th</sup> 108 Rod & the 78 & 77 & 76 & 75 & 74—are 110 Rod each and 73<sup>d</sup> Lott is 100 Rod & 72<sup>nd</sup> 120 & 71<sup>st</sup> are 184 in Breadth the high ways throughout the whole town Betwixt the Ranges are 4 Rod in width & Bettween the Lots are two Rods wide as will appear by the plann we find that there is an error in planning of the River which Cutts Short the Lower Range of lots joyning upon winnepisocky River we have Lft A Quantity of west land upon the North west End that is not yet Laid out in S<sup>d</sup> town as doth Appear by the plan which we Allow to make up Some Lots that falls Short of their measure and the Deficiency of Some Bad lots.

Given under our hands at Exeter Nov<sup>r</sup> 26<sup>th</sup> 1752

|                  |   |          |
|------------------|---|----------|
| Samuel fogg      | } | Commatee |
| Jeremiah Samborn |   |          |
| Samuel Hardie    |   |          |
| Abraham Samborn  |   |          |
| Seth Fogg        |   |          |
| Daniel Samborn   |   | Survayor |

[*Draft of Lots, 1753.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 7, pp. 169, 170, and Proprietors' Records, Vol. 6, p. 218, Vol. 7, p. 53.]

Province of } At a Meeting of the Proprietors of the Lands  
New Hampshire } purchased of John Tufton Mason Esq<sup>r</sup> in y<sup>e</sup> Province of New Hampshire held at Portsmouth Tuesday y<sup>e</sup> 13<sup>th</sup> day of Feb<sup>y</sup> 1753 at y<sup>e</sup> House of Ann Slayton Innholder—the Draft of y<sup>e</sup> Lots in Tract of land granted to John Samborn &<sup>c</sup>

| Names drawn |   |   |   | N <sup>o</sup> of Lot in first Division |   | N <sup>o</sup> of Lot in Second Division |    |
|-------------|---|---|---|---|---|--|----|
| 1—          | Theodore Atkinson Esqu <sup>r</sup>                 | . | . | 27                                      | . | .  | 42 |
| 2           | Edward Taylor                                       | . | . | 5                                       | . | .  | 26 |
| 3           | Jonathan Rawlins                                    | . | . | 8                                       | . | .  | 69 |
| 4           | Jonathan Crosby                                     | . | . | 19                                      | . | .  | 32 |
| 5           | Law Lot N <sup>o</sup> 2                            | . | . | 53                                      | . | .  | 81 |
| 6           | William Samborn                                     | . | . | 49                                      | . | .  | 19 |
| 7           | Joshua Rawlins of Stretham                          | . | . | 65                                      | . | .  | 65 |
| 8           | John Taylor   | . | . | 60                                      | . | .  | 74 |
| 9           | Josiah Rawlins                                      | . | . | 74                                      | . | .  | 48 |
| 10          | Francis Marston Deceas <sup>d</sup>                 | . | . | 67                                      | . | .  | 63 |
| 11          | Jonathan Chace Deceased                             | . | . | 61                                      | . | .  | 73 |
| 12          | Meserve Blanchard Green & March                     | . | . | 34                                      | . | .  | 4  |
| 13          | School Lot  | . | . | 52                                      | . | .  | 20 |
| 14          | Chace Taylor  | . | . | 25                                      | . | .  | 13 |
| 15          | John Thomlinson Esqu <sup>r</sup>                   | . | . | 69                                      | . | .  | 61 |
| 16          | Josiah Samborn                                      | . | . | 73                                      | . | .  | 58 |
| 17          | Benjamin Mason                                      | . | . | 82                                      | . | .  | 64 |
| 18          | John Dearborn                                       | . | . | 63                                      | . | .  | 71 |
| 19          | Dan <sup>l</sup> Samborn jun <sup>r</sup>           | . | . | 28                                      | . | .  | 10 |
| 20          | John Hopkinson                                      | . | . | 1                                       | . | .  | 25 |
| 21          | Law Lot N <sup>o</sup> 1                            | . | . | 11                                      | . | .  | 51 |
| 22          | Samuel Hardy  | . | . | 50                                      | . | .  | 41 |
| 23          | Jethro Pearson                                      | . | . | 30                                      | . | .  | 8  |
| 24          | Jonathan Shaw                                       | . | . | 20                                      | . | .  | 33 |
| 25          | Jotham Odiorne Esqu <sup>r</sup> Deceas'd his Right | . | . | 64                                      | . | .  | 82 |
| 26          | Jon <sup>a</sup> Robinson                           | . | . | 37                                      | . | .  | 1  |
| 27          | Aaron Rawlins                                       | . | . | 78                                      | . | .  | 46 |
| 28          | Thomas Chace  | . | . | 14                                      | . | .  | 54 |
| 29          | Jonathan Fogg                                       | . | . | 45                                      | . | .  | 17 |
| 30          | Thomlinson & Mason                                  | . | . | 43                                      | . | .  | 14 |



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|----|--|---|---|---|----|---|---|----|
| 31 | Jonathan Robinson  | . | . | . | 7  | . | . | 68 |
| 32 | Thomas Walingford Esqu <sup>r</sup>                                  | . | . | . | 66 | . | . | 66 |
| 33 | Joseph Rawlins   | . | . | . | 12 | . | . | 52 |
| 34 | Thomas Rawlins   | . | . | . | 24 | . | . | 37 |
| 35 | John Rindge  | . | . | . | 9  | . | . | 49 |
| 36 | Abraham Samborn  | . | . | . | 23 | . | . | 36 |
| 37 | Thomas Packer Esqu <sup>r</sup>                                      | . | . | . | 59 | . | . | 75 |
| 38 | William Thompson   | . | . | . | 32 | . | . | 6  |
| 39 | Paul Ladd  | . | . | . | 17 | . | . | 29 |
| 40 | Marston Samborn  | . | . | . | 62 | . | . | 72 |
| 41 | Geo: Jaffrey Esqu <sup>r</sup>                                       | . | . | . | 57 | . | . | 77 |
| 42 | John Samborn   | . | . | . | 42 | . | . | 40 |
| 43 | Simon Drake  | . | . | . | 41 | . | . | 39 |
| 44 | John Wentworth jun <sup>r</sup> Esqu <sup>r</sup>                    | . | . | . | 3  | . | . | 23 |
| 45 | Joshua Peirce Esqu <sup>r</sup>                                      | . | . | . | 36 | . | . | 2  |
| 46 | Mark Hunk <sup>g</sup> Wentworth Esq <sup>ur</sup>                   | . | . | . | 18 | . | . | 31 |
| 47 | Joseph Jewett  | . | . | . | 16 | . | . | 28 |
| 48 | John Moffatt Esqu <sup>r</sup>                                       | . | . | . | 56 | . | . | 78 |
| 49 | Dan <sup>ll</sup> Peirce Esq <sup>ur</sup> & Mary Moor               | . | . | . | 46 | . | . | 16 |
| 50 | Sam <sup>ll</sup> Fogg   | . | . | . | 70 | . | . | 70 |
| 51 | Josiah Smith Deceas'd to his Right                                   | . | . | . | 35 | . | . | 3  |
| 52 | Sam <sup>ll</sup> Solly & Clem <sup>t</sup> March Esqu <sup>rs</sup> | . | . | . | 55 | . | . | 79 |
| 53 | Nathan Longfellow  | . | . | . | 39 | . | . | 38 |
| 54 | Jeremiah Samborn   | . | . | . | 58 | . | . | 76 |
| 55 | Jonathan Corley  | . | . | . | 4  | . | . | 43 |
| 56 | Jonathan Longfellow  | . | . | . | 80 | . | . | 45 |
| 57 | Seth Fogg  | . | . | . | 72 | . | . | 59 |
| 58 | Edward Shaw  | . | . | . | 21 | . | . | 34 |
| 59 | John Wadley  | . | . | . | 10 | . | . | 50 |
| 60 | Jonathan Samborn   | . | . | . | 47 | . | . | 15 |
| 61 | David Stevens  | . | . | . | 75 | . | . | 47 |
| 62 | John Thomlinson Esqu <sup>r</sup>                                    | . | . | . | 79 | . | . | 22 |
| 63 | Jabez Samborn  | . | . | . | 6  | . | . | 67 |
| 64 | William Chace  | . | . | . | 31 | . | . | 7  |
| 65 | Josiah Robinson  | . | . | . | 29 | . | . | 9  |
| 66 | Daniel Samborn   | . | . | . | 54 | . | . | 80 |
| 67 | Richard Wibird Esqu <sup>r</sup>                                     | . | . | . | 38 | . | . | 55 |
| 68 | Josiah Fogg  | . | . | . | 26 | . | . | 57 |
| 69 | Joseph Hoit  | . | . | . | 51 | . | . | 21 |
| 70 | Josiah Samborn   | . | . | . | 13 | . | . | 53 |
| 71 | Caleb Rawlins  | . | . | . | 15 | . | . | 27 |
| 72 | Joseph Smith   | . | . | . | 44 | . | . | 18 |

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|----|-------------------------------|---|---|---|---|----|---|---|----|
| 73 | Thomas Blake                  | . | . | . | . | 22 | . | . | 35 |
| 74 | Joseph Hoit jun <sup>r</sup>  | . | . | . | . | 33 | . | . | 5  |
| 75 | Joshua Rawlins of Exeter      | . | . | . | . | 48 | . | . | 30 |
| 76 | Daniel Kelly                  | . | . | . | . | 40 | . | . | 56 |
| 77 | Ebenezer Samborn              | . | . | . | . | 68 | . | . | 62 |
| 78 | John Rawlins                  | . | . | . | . | 81 | . | . | 44 |
| 79 | Joseph Smith Jun <sup>r</sup> | . | . | . | . | 71 | . | . | 60 |
| 80 | John Fogg                     | . | . | . | . | 2  | . | . | 24 |

The above Draft of y<sup>e</sup> foregoing Lots were drawn to y<sup>e</sup> names as above written under y<sup>e</sup> Care and Direction of said Proprietors pursuant to a Plan Return'd by y<sup>e</sup> Grantees—

Voted that y<sup>e</sup> above Draft be accepted accordingly

Attest: Geo: Jaffrey Prop<sup>rs</sup> Clar:

[*Grant of Forfeited Lots to Town Proprietors, 1763.*]

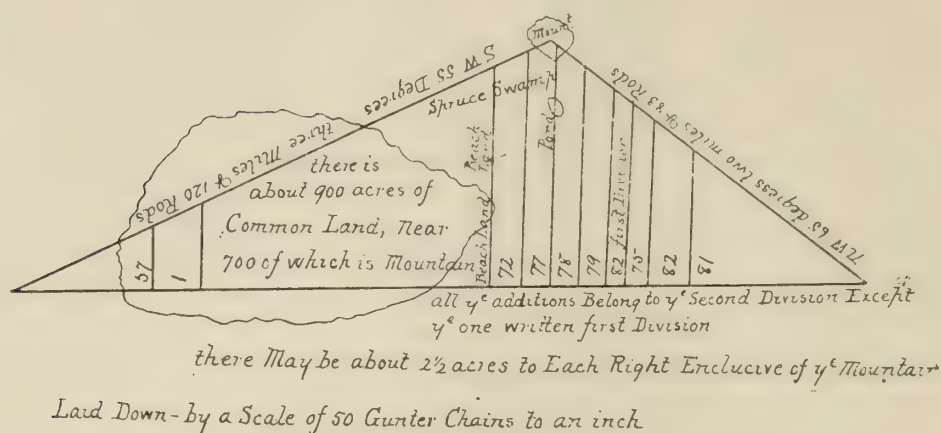
[Masonian Proprietors' Records, Nov. 29, 1763.]

Province of } Portsmouth November 29<sup>th</sup> 1763 Tuesday five  
New Hampshire } of the Clock afternoon at the House of James  
Stoodly Innholder the Proprietors meet according to Adjournment—

Whereas the Grantees of that Tract of Land Granted by said Proprietors to John Sandborn & others on the 31<sup>st</sup> day of December 1748, have Represented that by the Charter, or vote made to them of said Tract the rights of such of the Grantees as shoud neglect to do their Duty with Regard to carrying on the Settlement agreeable to said Charter or Grant is forfeited to the said Proprietors or Grantors, which is found to be very Inconvenient for by the Death of many of the Grantees their Respective Shares, are Claim'd by many Coheirs who will Seldom agree to pay their Proportion of the Charge & Sometimes Minors by that means are Interested who Cannot & Guardians will not pay the same which much retards the Settlement, And Whereas by Reason of the Late War the said Tract of Land is not yet Settled according to the Terms of said Grant but the Grantees are now proceeding with considerable Expedition, and as the Granting of said forfeitures to the other Grantees, would much Expedite the said Settlement, therefore they Earnestly Requested the said Proprietors to Grant to them the said Grantees all of such forfeited Rights as are already Incurd, & Likewise all such of them as shall hereafter be forfeited & as the said Proprietors, have in many Instances by the Original Grant given such forfeited Rights to the other Grantees, which is found by experience best to answer the Design of the said





[*Plan of Certain Lots.*]

## SANDWICH.

[Granted Oct. 25, 1763, to Samuel Gilman, Jr., and others, and incorporated, Part of the town being mountainous and rocky, Sandwich Addition was granted Sept. 5, 1764. A committee was appointed Feb. 22, 1785, to fix the lines between Sandwich, Tamworth, and Moultonborough. Another committee was appointed Dec. 23, 1808, to establish the lines between Sandwich, Tamworth, Eaton, and Albany. The committee reported in favor of no change and the report was adopted. A small part of Waterville was annexed July 16, 1864.

See New Hampshire charters in preceding volumes; XIII, Hammond Town Papers, 410; Index to Laws, 490; sketch, Fergusson's History of Carroll County, 1889, p. 644; Stewart's History of the Free Baptists, 1862, p. 162; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, pp. 587, 590; Stevens's Memorials of Methodism, 2d series, 1852, p. 240; Black Mountain, by C. E. Fay, 1, Appalachia, 119.]

[*Letter of Jonathan Moulton, 1769.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 7, p. 171.]

Gentlemen

Maj<sup>r</sup> Folsom is now present, & tells me that the Meeting of Masons Proprietors stands adjourn'd to this Evening, & that they expect something will be done with Respect to the Settlement of the Lines between Moultonborough & Sandwich, which has long been disputed, But as the holy Providence of God, towards me, has been such as prevents my Attending this Meeting; However as the Agreement, has been concluded & voted, heretofore; only the Proprietors tho't best to have the Lines run first, And as it is rum according to an



Agreement I made with Maj<sup>r</sup> Folsom, I suppose, theres no Necessity of my being present, if it shou'd I beg the Meeting may be adjourn'd, again, for a Week or as long as may best suit the proprietors, which Time I will endeavour to attend—As for my Part I am very willing & content, that Sandwich Line shou'd be confirmed agreeable to my Agreement with them, provided that Masons Proprietors make an Allowance to me agreeable to their Promise, & am Gentlemen y<sup>r</sup> most Obedient &

Very Hum<sup>l</sup> Serv<sup>t</sup>

Hampton March 29<sup>th</sup> 1769

Jon<sup>a</sup> Moulton

P. S. Unless some Restitution being made me I trust youl not make or Confirm any Grant of any Land, granted to Moultonb<sup>h</sup> to any other people

To the Hon<sup>ble</sup> Theodore Atkinson Esq<sup>r</sup>

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[*Surveyor's Report*, 1769.]

[*Masonian Papers*, Vol. 7, p. 172.]

Wheras a Committee of the Proprietors of Moultonborough and a Committee of the Proprietors of Sandwich, did (by an Agreement in Writing dated January 13<sup>th</sup> 1769 by them interchangeably Signed) appoint us the Subscribers to Run the Line between said Moultonborough and said Sandwich. These certify, that after being sworn to the faithful discharge of the trust reposed in us, we proceeded in manner following Viz: Begining at the possession Fence on the Southerly side of Richard Sinklers House in said Sandwich and nearest the same, and from thence run East on said Possession Fence two Miles and two hundred and twenty eight Rods to a Red Oak Tree at the South East Corner of said Sandwich, marked SSF. and then returned to the place begun at; and then run West Six Miles and eighty six Rods, which brought us to the East end of Holderness, and which makes eight Miles and three hundred & fourteen Rods from the said South East corner of said Sandwich to the East end of Holderness:—

March 11<sup>th</sup> 1769.

Jeremiah Lane Surveyor

Hubartus Neal


thomas Creighton Chanmen

[*Agreement between Sandwich and Moultonborough, 1769.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 7, p. 173.]

Articles of Agreement made the 20<sup>th</sup> Day of January One thousand Seven hundred & Sixty Nine by & between Jonathan Moulton of Hampton in the Province of New Hamp<sup>re</sup> Esq<sup>r</sup> for himself & behalf of the Proprietors of Moultonborough of the One part and Nath<sup>l</sup> Folsome of Exeter in said Province Esq<sup>r</sup> for himself & in behalf the Proprietors of Sandwich of the other Part as follows Viz Whereas by an Agreement made the thirteenth of January Instant the Southern Line of the township of Sandwich & the Eastern Line of said township and the Northern & Western Boundary of said Moultonborough are Settled only depending on an Actual Survey & Running Now these Presents Witness that it is Mutually Agreed by said parties that any particular Lots of Land Laid out in the right of the township of Sandwich shall fall On the side of Moultonborough or any part thereof so much Of said Lot as shall so fall or the whole if that shall be the Case Shall be Quitted to the proprietors of Sandwich if Such Lot is Not Appropriated or to the Particular person or Persons if Appropriated as the Case shall require by said Moulton Or the Proprietors of Moultonborough—

If the right is vested in them at the Time this matter shall be ascertained. And on the part of Sandwich they shall quit to Moulton the particular Lot laid out to Enoch Poor & by him contracted with one Blanchard for settlement if he shall purchase Blanchard's Right & make a settlement thereof by the first of Sep<sup>t</sup> next & complys with the Terms of Settlement so far as can be done by the first of Sep<sup>tr</sup> next & with the matter afterwards to be done And further that the Proprietors of Sandwich shall make a proper speedy Application to the Proprietors of Mason's Patent for a grant of all the Land within their Claim according to a Vote passed by the proprietors of said Patent the 19<sup>th</sup> of this Instant. In Witness whereof the Parties have set their hands & seals the Day & Year above written—

Witnesses  
Willi'm Parker  
Jn<sup>o</sup> Pickering  
A Copy Exam<sup>d</sup> 

Jon<sup>a</sup> Moulton  
Nath<sup>l</sup> Folsom

W<sup>m</sup> Parker



[*Petition of Nathaniel Folsom, 1769.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 7, p. 174.]

Province of ) To the Proprietors of Mason's Patent (So  
New Hampshire } called) in said Province—

Humbly Shews Nathaniel Folsom of Exeter in said Province Esq<sup>r</sup> Agent for the Proprietors of Sandwich in said Province, That, a Grant of said Sandwich from his Majesty Some Years past, was made to Your Petitioner and others (as by their Charter appears) That, they have caus'd Said Sandwich to be laid out, allotted and Settled more than twenty families thereon; who have made large Improvements (presuming that said Grant did not interfere with said Patent) But by a more accurate Survey of the Curve Line of said Patent than was heretofore done, lately made by Robert Flesher Esq<sup>r</sup> and others a Plan whereof has been return'd; it appears by comparing the Same with Your Petitr<sup>s</sup> former Grant, that a considerable Part of said Sandwich falls within Said Patent and that the King was deceiv'd In his said Grant. Your Petitioner therefore in behalf of the Proprietors of Sandwich aforesaid Humby prays that they may be quieted in their Possessions in Consideration of the Industry and Expen<sup>c</sup>e in improving said Land And that a Grant of all that Part of Said Sandwich included within said Patent, (agreable to the Lines that have lately Settled between Said Sandwich and Moultonborough) may be made by your Propriet<sup>rs</sup> to Your Petitioner and others, upon Such Terms & Conditions of Settlement as you have usually done, but without any Reservation of Land And Your Petitioner as in Duty bound shall ever pray &c—

January 27th A D 1769

Nath<sup>l</sup> Folsom

Feb<sup>y</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> 1769 – Rece<sup>d</sup> & read y<sup>e</sup> above, to lay on file

G: Jaffrey Prop<sup>s</sup> C

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## SHELBURNE.

[Granted May 3, 1769, to Mark Hunking Wentworth, Daniel Peirce, Daniel Rogers, and John, Daniel, Isaac, and Jotham Rindge. Half of the town was granted by them to Daniel Ingalls May 8, 1769. Shelburne Addition was granted Nov. 21, 1770. Incorporated as Shelburne Dec. 13, 1820. Shelburne Addition was incorporated by the name of Gorham June 18, 1836.

See New Hampshire charters in preceding volumes; IX, Bouton Town Papers, 758; XIII, Hammond Town Papers, 424; Index to Laws, 501; History, by Mrs. R. P. Peabody, pp. 127; sketch, Fergusson's History of Coös County, 1888, p. 867; Willey's History of the White Mountains, 1870, p. 245; The White Mountains, A Guide to Their Interpretation, by J. H. Ward, 1890, p. 100; Shel-

burne Moriah, by E. B. Cook, 3, Appalachia, 259; Baldcap Mountain, by Mrs. L. D. and M. M. Pychowska, 2, *id.*, 121; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, p. 608.]

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[*Grant of Half of Township to Daniel Ingalls, 1769.*]

[From Original Parchment in Masonian Papers.]

Know all Men by these Presents that whereas his Excellency John Wentworth Esq<sup>r</sup> Governor and Commander in chief in & over his Majestys Province of New Hampshire by & with the advice of his Majesty's Council has been pleased to grant to Mark Hunking Wentworth Esq<sup>r</sup> Daniel Peirce Daniel Rogers Esq<sup>r</sup> M<sup>r</sup> John Rindge Merchant, Daniel Rindge & Isaac Rindge of Portsmouth in said Province Esq<sup>rs</sup> and M<sup>r</sup> Jotham Rindge of Wolfborough Yeoman and all Children, Heirs & legal Representatives of the Honorable John Rindge late of said Portsmouth Esq<sup>r</sup> deceased; (as some Gratuity for the great Favours & Services of the said John Rindge did the said Province in his Life time) a Township or Tract of Land lying about eighty Miles from Portsmouth aforesaid on the dividing Line between the Province of New Hampshire & the Province of Main upon certain Considerations & Reservations as by the Charter of said Town dated the third day of May 1769, may more fully appear, Reference thereunto being had & is bounded as followeth viz beginning at a Hemlock Tree marked, standing in the Province Line about three Quarters of a Mile South of Little Amoroscogin River & from said Hemlock runs North eight Degrees East by the Needle on the Province Line six Miles to a Maple Tree mark'd & standing in the Province Line aforesaid then turning off at right Angles & running North eighty-two Degrees West six Miles to a Beech Tree marked, then turning off at Right Angles & running South eight Degrees West six Miles to a Red Birch Tree marked, then turning off again at right Angles & runs South eighty-two Degrees East six Miles to the Hemlock Tree in the Province Line, began at.—

To Have and to Hold the said Tract of Land as above expressed together with all Privileges & Appurtenances thereof to them & their respective Heirs & Assigns forever by the Name of Shelburne Now know ye that we the said Mark Hunking Wentworth, Daniel Peirce, Daniel Rogers, John Rindge, Daniel Rindge, Isaac Rindge & Jotham Rindge for & in consideration of the several Articles, Matters & Things herein after expressed to be performed & done by Daniel Ingalls of Andover in the County of Essex & in the Province of the



Massachusetts Bay Gentleman Have given & granted & by these Presents do give, grant & convey unto the said Daniel Ingalls his Heirs & Assigns for ever all our Right, Title, Interest, Property, Possession, Claim, Challenge & Demand whatsoever of in & to Thirty-two & half Sixty fourth Parts of the Land in said Shelburne after the Glebe Lot & the Land in the Center reserved by the Charter three Lots of Land of seventy-five Acres each of Upland & twenty-five Acres of Interval Land to each Lot one of which three Lots is hereby given & granted to the first settled Minister for his Encouragement & help in the Work of the Ministry there in fee Simple forever, provided he continues their in the Work of the Ministry during his Natural Life or until he be regularly dismissed according to the Usage & Custom of the Congregational Churches in New England immorality excepted, for in Case he should be dismissed for any immorality then the said Upland & Interval granted to him as aforesaid shall revert to the Grantors & Grantee to be by them disposed of to another Minister to be by them called & settled & to remain their Minister upon the Terms and Conditions before mentioned, And one other Lot of seventy five Acres of Upland & twenty five Acres of Interval Land is hereby given & granted for & towards the supporting of the Dissenting Ministry in the first Parish forever And the other of the said three reserved Lots of Land is hereby given & granted for & towards the Support of a Grammar School in the said Town for ever. The two Lots or Rights last mentioned to be & remain to and for the several Uses before mentioned, never to be alienated dividided or diminished upon any Score or Pretence whatsoever. The said three Lots to be laid out as near the Center as they conveniently can be To Have & To Hold the said three reserved Lots on the Terms & for the Uses aforesaid & the said thirty-two & half sixty fourth Parts of said Town to him the said Daniel Ingalls & his Heirs & Assigns for ever on the following Terms & Conditions & not otherwise, viz. The then remaining Interval Land to be divided into sixty-four Lots equal in Quantity & Quality. The Upland to be divided as follows.—Sixty-four Lots of eighty or one hundred Acres (as shall be thought best upon Survey) to be nearly adjoyning the Interval for the first Division equal in Quantity & Quality. The remaining Part of the good Upland in sixty-four Lots for the second Division & all the remaining Upland to be laid out into sixty-four Lots for the third Division. The Lots in the several Divisions to be numbered & then to be drawn for: And the Expençe of loting the Town out & making a Plan thereof to be paid for, one half by the Grantors the other half by the Grantee. The said Daniel Ingalls to draw thirty-two & one half whole Shares through the Town he engaging to settle thirty Families therein, ten within three

Years, the remaining twenty within six Years from the Date hereof with suitable Houses & Seven Acres of Land cleared by each Family & at the Expiration of the Time limited for settling every Family that shall then be deficient shall forfeit his or her whole Share, which Right or Share shall revert to the Grantors: The Grantors hereby engaging to settle ten Families, three within three Years, the remaining seven within six Years with Houses suitable & Land cleared: And it is further covenanted & agreed by the Grantors & Grantee that the Interval Lots in the first Division be coupled before drawing. That the Lots are not to be drawn for but divided in the following Manner, the two Lots Number one & two to be drawn & then divided alternately the Grantors one, then the Grantee one. That the Lots be numbered on the one Side of the River first & then on the other. That the Expence of clearing the Road required by Charter be born one half by the Grantors & the other half by the Grantee.—

In Testimony whereof the said Mark Hunking Wentworth, Daniel Peirce, Daniel Rogers, John Rindge, Daniel Rindge, Isaac Rindge & Jotham Rindge have hereunto set our Hands & Seals this eighth Day of May in the ninth Year of his Majesty's Reign Annoque Domini Seventeen hundred & sixty-nine. And we Elizabeth the Wife of the said Mark Hunking Wentworth, Mehitable the Wife of said Daniel Rogers, Olive the Wife of said Daniel Rindge, Sarah the Wife of said Isaac Rindge & Sarah the Wife of said Jotham Rindge do for the Consideration before mentioned, hereby give, grant & relinquish all our Right of Dower & Power of Thirds of in & to the before granted Premises to him the said Daniel Ingalls his Heirs & Assigns for ever.

In Testimony whereof we also have hereunto set our Hands & Seals this eighth Day of May seventeen hundred & sixty-nine.

|                        |        |                  |        |
|------------------------|--------|------------------|--------|
| Mark H Wentworth       | [seal] | Jotham Rindge    | [seal] |
| D Peirce               | [seal] | Sarah Rindge     | [seal] |
| Daniel Rogers          | [seal] | Eliza Wentworth  | [seal] |
| Jn <sup>o</sup> Rindge | [seal] | Mehetable Rogers | [seal] |
| Daniel Rindge          | [seal] | Olive Rindge     | [seal] |
| Is: Rindge             | [seal] | Sarah Rindge     | [seal] |

Signed, Sealed & delivered in presence of: The Words Six Miles to a Maple Tree marked & standing in the Province Line also Daniel Rindge being first interlined

Witnesses Present

H Wentworth  
Joseph Peirce



Prov<sup>e</sup> of } Portsm<sup>o</sup> May 8<sup>th</sup> 1769 Then mark Hunking Went-  
 New Hamp<sup>r</sup> } worth Esq<sup>r</sup> & Elizabeth his wife Daniel Peirce Daniel  
 Rogers Esq<sup>rs</sup> mehitabel his wife John Rindge Daniel Rindge Esq<sup>r</sup> &  
 olive his wife M<sup>r</sup> Isaac Rindge & Sarah his wife appeared and  
 Acknowledged the above instrument by them Subscribed to be their  
 Free Act & Deed & also Jotham Rindge & Sarah his wife—

Before

H Wentworth Just<sup>s</sup> Peace

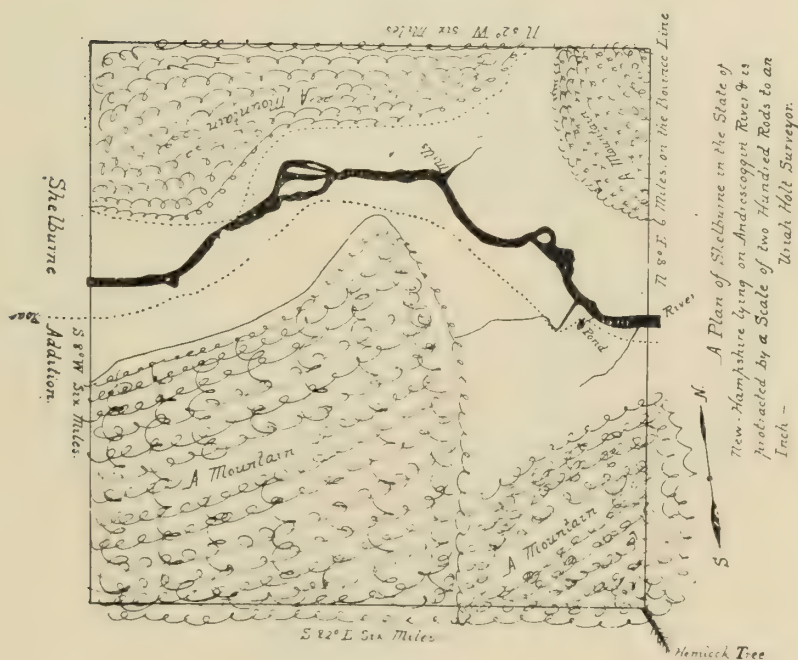
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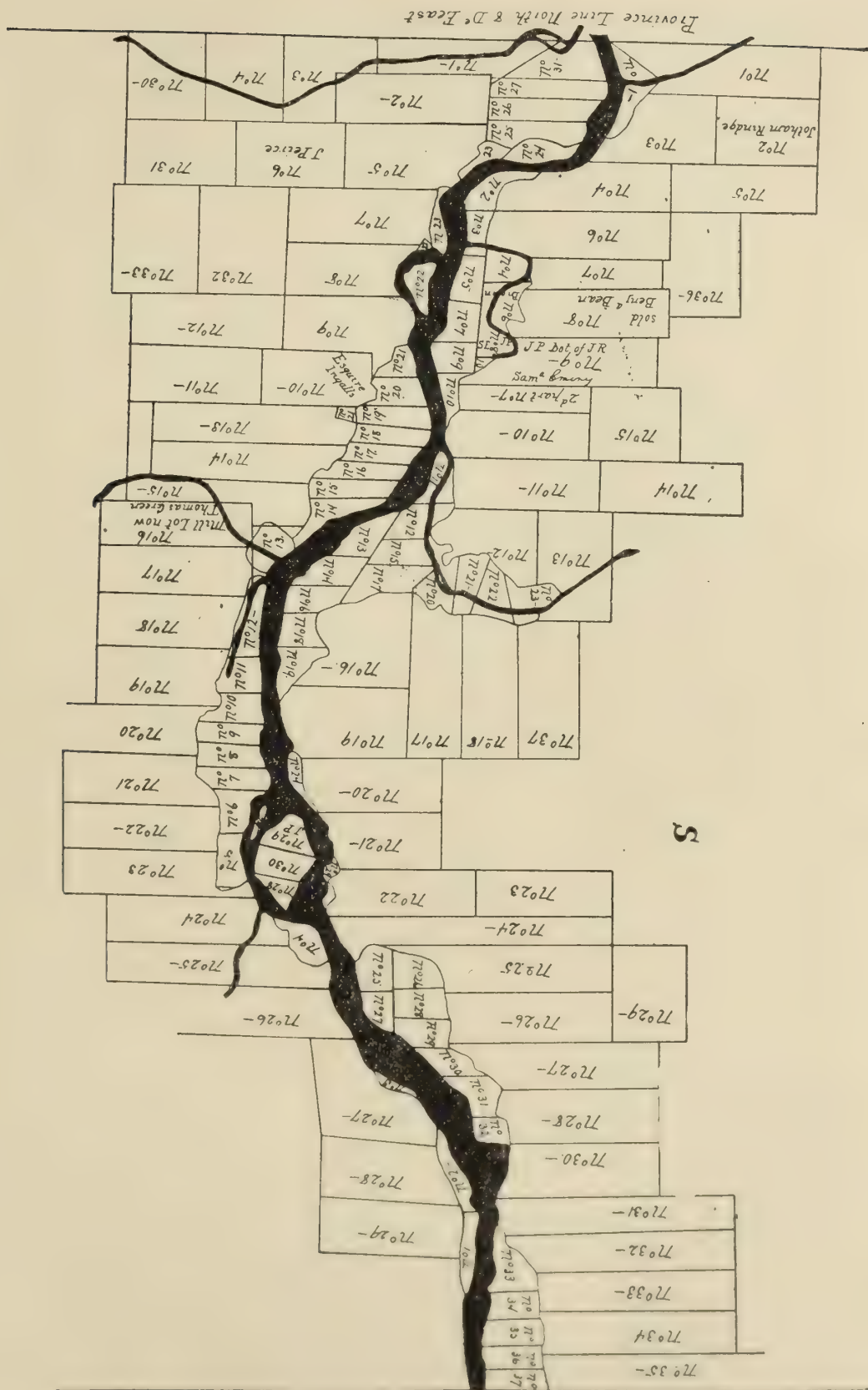
[Plan of Shelburne.]







[*Plan of Shelburne.*]



The upland and Interval lots on this [north] side are coupeled as follows Viz<sup>t</sup>

| N <sup>o</sup> | 1  | Int <sup>v</sup>                   | with           | N <sup>o</sup> | 29 | Upl <sup>d</sup> |
|----------------|----|------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|----|------------------|
|                | 2  | d <sup>o</sup>                     | d <sup>o</sup> |                | 28 |                  |
|                | 3  | d <sup>o</sup>                     | d <sup>o</sup> |                | 27 |                  |
|                | 4  | d <sup>o</sup>                     | d <sup>o</sup> |                | 25 |                  |
|                | 5  | d <sup>o</sup>                     | d <sup>o</sup> |                | 23 |                  |
|                | 6  | d <sup>o</sup>                     | d <sup>o</sup> |                | 22 |                  |
|                | 7  | d <sup>o</sup>                     | d <sup>o</sup> |                | 21 |                  |
|                | 8  | d <sup>o</sup>                     | d <sup>o</sup> |                | 20 |                  |
|                | 9  | d <sup>o</sup>                     | d <sup>o</sup> |                | 24 |                  |
|                | 10 | d <sup>o</sup>                     | d <sup>o</sup> |                | 19 |                  |
|                | 11 | d <sup>o</sup>                     | d <sup>o</sup> |                | 32 |                  |
|                | 12 | d <sup>o</sup>                     | d <sup>o</sup> |                | 33 |                  |
|                | 13 | d <sup>o</sup>                     | d <sup>o</sup> |                | 17 |                  |
|                | 14 | d <sup>o</sup>                     | d <sup>o</sup> |                | 18 |                  |
|                | 15 | d <sup>o</sup>                     | d <sup>o</sup> |                | 15 |                  |
|                | 16 | d <sup>o</sup>                     | d <sup>o</sup> |                | 14 |                  |
|                | 17 | d <sup>o</sup>                     | d <sup>o</sup> |                | 13 |                  |
|                | 18 | d <sup>o</sup>                     | d <sup>o</sup> |                | 11 |                  |
|                | 19 | d <sup>o</sup>                     | d <sup>o</sup> |                | 12 |                  |
|                | 20 | d <sup>o</sup>                     | d <sup>o</sup> |                | 10 |                  |
|                | 21 | d <sup>o</sup>                     | d <sup>o</sup> |                | 9  |                  |
|                | 22 | d <sup>o</sup>                     | d <sup>o</sup> |                | 8  |                  |
|                | 23 | d <sup>o</sup>                     | d <sup>o</sup> |                | 5  |                  |
|                | 24 | d <sup>o</sup>                     | d <sup>o</sup> |                | 7  |                  |
|                | 25 | d <sup>o</sup>                     | d <sup>o</sup> |                | 2  |                  |
|                | 26 | "                                  | "              |                | 3  |                  |
|                | 27 | "                                  | "              |                | 30 |                  |
|                | 28 | "                                  | "              |                | 26 |                  |
|                | 29 | "                                  | "              |                | 06 |                  |
|                | 30 | "                                  | "              |                | 04 |                  |
|                | 31 | on long d <sup>o</sup> }<br>Island |                |                | 1  |                  |

16 Upl<sup>d</sup> is appropriated to the Mills.—

The upland and Interval lots on this [south] side the River are coupeled as follows Viz<sup>t</sup>—

| N <sup>o</sup> | 1 | Int <sup>v</sup> lot w <sup>th</sup> | N <sup>o</sup> | 1  | Upl <sup>d</sup> lot— |
|----------------|---|--------------------------------------|----------------|----|-----------------------|
|                | 2 | d <sup>o</sup>                       | d <sup>o</sup> | 4  | d <sup>o</sup>        |
|                | 3 | d <sup>o</sup>                       | d <sup>o</sup> | 6  | d <sup>o</sup>        |
|                | 4 | d <sup>o</sup>                       | d <sup>o</sup> | 7  | d <sup>o</sup>        |
|                | 5 | d <sup>o</sup>                       | d <sup>o</sup> | 36 | d <sup>o</sup>        |



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|----|----|----|--|----------------------|
| 6  | d° | d° | 8  | d°                   |
| 7  | d° | d° | 3  | d°                   |
| 8  | d° | d° | 9  | d°                   |
| 9  | d° | d° | 15   | d°                   |
| 10 | d° | d° | 10   | d°                   |
| 11 | d° | d° | 11   | d°                   |
| 12 | d° | d° | 12   | d°                   |
| 13 | d° | d° | 13   | d°                   |
| 14 | d° | d° | 18   | d°                   |
| 15 | d° | d° | 14   | d°                   |
| 16 | d° | d° | 16   | d°                   |
| 17 | d° | d° | 17   | d°                   |
| 18 | d° | d° | 19   | d°                   |
| 19 | d° | d° | 20   | d°                   |
| 20 | d° | d° | 31   | d° on the other side |
| 21 | d° | d° | 5  | d°                   |
| 22 | d° | d° | 29   | d°                   |
| 23 | d° | d° | { Blank N° not surveyed but<br>when surveyed will be N° 37 |                      |
| 24 | d° | d° | 21   | d°                   |
| 25 | d° | d° | 22   | d°                   |
| 26 | d° | d° | 23   | d°                   |
| 27 | d° | d° | 24   | d°                   |
| 28 | d° | d° | 25   | d°                   |
| 29 | d° | d° | 26   | d°                   |
| 30 | d° | d° | 27   | d°                   |
| 31 | d° | d° | 28   | d°                   |
| 32 | d° | d° | 30   | d°                   |
| 33 | d° | d° | 31   | d°                   |
| 34 | d° | d° | 32   | d°                   |
| 35 | d° | d° | 33   | d°                   |
| 36 | d° | d° | 34   | d°                   |
| 37 | d° | d° | 35   | d°                   |

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d° is by agreement with

the Proprietors to be assign'd to Interval lots N° 13 & 14 on the opposite side to compensate for the damage done said Interval lots by laying the Mill lot—

To the Proprietors of the Town of Shelburne Gentlemen,

Here is the return of my work in consequence of my agreement with you on the 24<sup>th</sup> of February 1787

Joseph Frye Junior.

N. B—Where you see the lines between drawn whole, there is

allowance of land for a Road four rods wide; likewise there is allowance of land for a Road up and down the River on each side where it may be found most convenient thro' the Lots—

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### SOCIETY LAND.

[This tract of land originally comprised all the territory now included in the towns of Deering, Antrim, Hancock, Bennington, Francestown, and the north part of Greenfield. The name probably arose from the fact that this territory was not granted in townships, but was reserved and divided equally among the members of the "society" or syndicate of proprietors of the Masonian Patent. The name *Cumberland* was also sometimes applied to it.

Francestown was the first town in the Society Land district to be incorporated. This was done June 8, 1772, and New Boston Addition was included within its lines. Then followed Deering, Jan. 17, 1774; Antrim, March 22, 1777; and Hancock, Nov. 5, 1779. These towns covered the entire tract except a small piece in the southern part, and this was combined with Lyndeborough Gore and enough of Peterborough and Lyndeborough to make a small township, and incorporated as Greenfield June 15, 1791. Bennington was composed of parts of Greenfield, Francestown, Deering, and Hancock, and was incorporated Dec. 15, 1842. It lies nearly in the centre of the original Society Land.]

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[*Petition of Peter Prescott and Others, 1752.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 7, p. 176.]

To the Proprietors of y<sup>e</sup> Right of John Tufton Mason Esq<sup>r</sup> in y<sup>e</sup> Province of New Hampshire—

Gentlemen—

Wee the Subscribers and associates to y<sup>e</sup> Number of One Hundred being Desireous of Removing into this Province and Making Settlement of Some of y<sup>e</sup> waste, within your Patent, applyed our Selves to The Hon'ble Joseph Blanchard Esq who Encouraged us to Succeed in our Desires If Two Towns could be found Capable of Settlement within the Line of Towns by you Authorized for him to Grant, Whereupon at a Considerable Expence we have Made Search and find y<sup>t</sup> on that Line further then is already Granted, is not Capable of Settlement, unless Some Stragling Farms. But Still Desireous to pursue our first Intentions, Could there be a place had, capable of Making a Good Settlement in time, have made Inquiry, & at Present hear y<sup>t</sup> there is a tract of Land Lying on y<sup>e</sup> East and adjoyning to Monadnock N<sup>o</sup> 6: and N<sup>o</sup> 7: tho Something Broaken yet Probable to Make



a Settlement on for two Small Towns could we obtain a Grant on Reasonable Conditions (and inasmuch as Sundry of us had purchased before the Settlement of y<sup>e</sup> Province Line) Many Rights in y<sup>e</sup> New Towns Now fallen in this Province, with Expectation to Make Settlement had it not been for that Disappointment which for Charge and Purchase has Cost Sundry of us Much Mony which Reasons give us the freedom to ask at this time and are Ready on your Approving of our Request within Nine Months after y<sup>e</sup> Grant to Allot out the whole Land Granted Ready to Draw the Lotts and Settle in Each Town Thirty famelys within two years after y<sup>e</sup> Grant and the Remaining Fourty famelys in Such reasonable time afterwards as you Shall Direct.—And in as much as y<sup>e</sup> Distance & Expence of Travil is Such y<sup>t</sup> must attend our Personal application, Desire that this our request may be offered by y<sup>e</sup> Aboves<sup>d</sup> Joseph Blanchard on our behalf, and that you will favour us with an answer by him And beleive us to be Sincere in our application and Give Leave to Subscribe our Selves Gent<sup>n</sup>

Your very Humble Serv<sup>ts</sup>

Peter Prescott

John Fox

Stephen Hosmer Ju<sup>r</sup>

Charles Bulkeley

[Endorsed] Rece<sup>d</sup> May 28<sup>th</sup> 1752

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[*Vote for Survey of Society Land, 1752.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 7, p. 177, and Proprietors' Records, May 29, 1752.]

Voted that Joseph Blanchard Esq<sup>r</sup> be and hereby is desired authorizd and Impowered by himself or such others as he shall think proper to Employ to take a survey of the lands hereafter described viz<sup>t</sup> bounded westerly on the Manadnock N<sup>o</sup> six and N<sup>o</sup> seven Northerly upon y<sup>e</sup> south line of y<sup>e</sup> line of Towns so called Easterly upon weares Town and New Boston Southerly upon Salem Canada Peterborough and Monadnock N<sup>o</sup> three and make Enquiry into the nature and situation of the same and in what manner the same may in the best manner be divided into fifteen equal shares for quantity and quality and whether it is best for the whole to be divided at once or part thereof first and the rest afterwards and make report thereof to the proprietors as soon as may be and that the Cost thereof be paid by the proprietors—

[*Vote for Dividing Society Land, 1752.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 7, p. 178, and Proprietors' Records, Nov. 8, 1752.]

Province of } At a Meeting of the Proprietors of the Lands pur-  
 New Hamp<sup>r</sup> } chased of John Tufton Mason Esq<sup>r</sup> within the Prov-  
 ince of New Hampshire held at Portsmouth in said Province the 8<sup>th</sup>  
 day of November 1752 by adjournment.

Voted That Coll<sup>o</sup> Joseph Blanchard Esq<sup>r</sup> be & hereby is desired and impowered to divide & lay out, or cause to be laid out into fifteen equal Shares, all that Land on Contoocook River between the place called Key's his farm, on the North & the great Falls so called, against the Crotched Mountain so called, on the South, in the following Manner viz<sup>t</sup> The Interval Land to be equally Divided for Quantity & Quality & so much upland adjoining, or Contiguous to each Share, laid out as to make up the Quantity of five hundred Acres to each Share, that is where the Land is not so good, to add so much in Quantity as shall be equal to five hundred Acres of the best; and that all the rest of the Land comprehended within the following bounds Viz<sup>t</sup> Westerly on the Manadnock N<sup>o</sup> 6 & N<sup>o</sup> 7 Northerly on the South line of the line of towns so called, Easterly on Wear's town, New Boston & Southerly on Salem Canada Peterborough & Manadnock N<sup>o</sup> 3 be divided into fifteen equal Shares for Quality, only the Mountains to be left as a Common.—

Copy of Record Examin'd

Geo: Jaffrey Prop<sup>rs</sup> Cle:[*Grant of Lot to Joseph Blanchard, 1753.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 7, p. 179, and Proprietors' Records, Jan. 3, 1753.]

Province of } At a Meeting of the Proprietors of Lands pur-  
 New Hampshire } chased of John Tufton Mason Esq<sup>r</sup> in the Province  
 of New Hampshire, held by adjournment at Portsmouth, on Wednes-  
 day January 3<sup>d</sup> 1753—

Whereas Joseph Blanchard Esq<sup>r</sup> for the service of this propriety has been hindred of much time and been at considerable expence, for which he has not been sufficiently rewarded, And as a full Satisfaction Therefore Voted—

That there be, and hereby is granted unto the said Joseph Blanchard Esq<sup>r</sup> his heirs and assigns, all the right and title, of this Pro-





This Plan of the Royal Society Lands copied from a survey originally taken by Robert Fletcher Esqr  
Portsmouth May 1778

John Parker junr

Pursuant to the Request & Desire of Col<sup>l</sup> Blanchard Esqr I have laid out into fifteen Equal shares all that Land on Contoocook River between the place called Keyshis Farm on the North & the great Falls so called against the Crotched Mountain on the South in the following manner (Viz). The Interval Land divided for Quantity & Quality into fifteen equal shares & so much upland adjoining as to make up the quantity of Five hundred Acres to each share and where the Land is not so good there is added so much in Quantity as is equal to five hundred acres of the best which is marked & delineated herein, & the Interval Lotts on Contoocook River & the upland adjoining, belonging to the same share is Numbred with the same Number which Numbers are from one to fifteen, And all the Land comprehended within the following bounds (viz) Westerly on Menadnock Number six & Number seven Northerly on the South line of the line of Towns so called Easterly on Weare's Town and New Boston—Southerly on Salem Canada and Petersborough is Divided into fifteen equal shares for Quality and numbered one to fifteen, The first Number of said shares beginning on the west side of Contoocook River joyning to Peterborough North line, And the number of said shares succeed in order to Number seven. Northwardly to the South Line of the Line of Towns, And the other Eight shares being on the East side of the River, Number eight on the East side of Contoocook River adjoining upon the North Line of Peterborough West of New Boston, And the number of the other shares succeed Northerly to the said South Line of the line of Towns. The Crotched Mountain lying in Number eight & number Nine is left as common, it is no part of said shares—  
Portsmouth October y<sup>e</sup> 17<sup>th</sup> 1753 by me

Robert Fletcher Surveyor

This is a Copy of the Plan of the Society land (So called) as rendered by Robt Fletcher Surveyor October 17<sup>th</sup> 1753—attest  
N. B. the mountains Rivers and Brooks are not exactly of y<sup>e</sup> Size nor laid just as in y<sup>e</sup> original, by nearly so—

Geo: Jaffrey Prop<sup>r</sup> Cl:





priety unto five hundred acres of Land in that tract called the Royal Society Land so as not to infringe on that part on Contoocook river, ordered to be laid out for the fifteen Proprietors of five hundred acres each.—

Provided he cause the same to be laid out in a regular form, and return a plan thereof to this propriety in such season as not to hinder the pursuing the division of the remainder of the Royal Society Land.

The above is a true Copy from the records of the Proprietors of Masons Patent (so Called)

Attest, Jeremiah Libbey Prop<sup>rs</sup> clerk

Portsmouth February 4<sup>th</sup> 1805

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[*Draft of Lots, 1753.*]

[Masonian Proprietors' Records, Oct. 17, 1753, and Masonian Papers, Vol. 7, p. 180.]

Mr Robert Fletcher having agreeable to a Vote of this Propriety of y<sup>e</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> November 1752, by the Direction of Joseph Blanchard Esqu<sup>r</sup> Surveyed and divided the Tract of Land lying Westerly on the Manadnocks N<sup>o</sup> 6, & N<sup>o</sup> 7, northerly on the South line of the Line of Towns so called Easterly on Wear's Town & New Boston Southerly on Salem Cannada Peterborough & Manadnock N<sup>o</sup> 3, and having this day returned his Plan of Said Survey therein particularly describing the Several lines of the Several Divisions and the Same having been laid before the Proprietors at this Meeting—

Voted—That the Said Plan and the Several Divisions therein by the Several lines described be and hereby is approved & accepted and to Ascertain the Said Several Divisions to the Respective Proprietors in Severalty,—Therefore

Voted that the Same be drawn for im'ediately in one Draft, by Lott, and that when So drawn for, that each Proprietor be and hereby is entituled in Severalty, to the Lots (being of y<sup>e</sup> two Divisions) drawn by, or to him, agreeable to the Several Numbers as entered on Said Plan,—

Pursuant to the next preceeding Vote The Draft of Lots of the Divisions in the Tract of land described in said Vote, are drawn for, to Said Proprietors as follow's—viz<sup>t</sup>

1<sup>st</sup> drawn Lots N<sup>o</sup> 13—To Mr John Rindge

2 . . . 5—To Dan<sup>l</sup> Peirce Esqu<sup>r</sup> & Mary Moore

3 . . . 11—To John Thomlinson & John Tufton Mason Esqu<sup>rs</sup>

|    |   |   |   |   |
|----|---|---|---|---|
| 4  | . | . | . | 12—To Thomas Packer Esqu <sup>r</sup>   |
| 5  | . | . | . | 4—To John Wentworth Esqu <sup>r</sup>   |
| 6  | . | . | . | 15—To Richard Wibird Esqu <sup>r</sup>  |
| 7  | . | . | . | 9—To the Right of Jotham Odiorne Esqu <sup>r</sup> Dece <sup>d</sup>  |
| 8  | . | . | . | 14—To Theodore Atkinson Esqu <sup>r</sup> —   |
| 9  | . | . | . | 1—To Mark Hunking Wentworth Esqu <sup>r</sup>   |
| 10 | . | . | . | 2—To Samuel Solly & Clement March Esqu <sup>rs</sup>  |
| 11 | . | . | . | 6—To George Jaffrey Esqu <sup>r</sup>   |
| 12 | . | . | . | 3—To Nath <sup>l</sup> Meserve Joseph Blanchard Esqu <sup>rs</sup><br>m <sup>r</sup> Joseph Green & Paul March— |
| 13 | . | . | . | 8—To Thomas Wallingford Esqu <sup>r</sup>   |
| 14 | . | . | . | 7—To John Moffatt Esqu <sup>r</sup>   |
| 15 | . | . | . | 10—To Joshua Peirce Esqu <sup>r</sup>   |

[*Request for Roads, 1772.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 7, p. 181.]

Sossociety Land Sept<sup>r</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> A D 1772

To The Hounrabal Gentelmen the Lord propriators of Said Land in the West Side of Contoocook River A Petion Humbley Shewing—

That Whereas a Road is much Wanted from Hillsbourg Through s<sup>d</sup> Land To pettersboru on the Westrley Side of the River Allso from Francestown To Limreck With other Nessecery Rods Much Wanted Which Will Advance Your Land and Accomadet the Inhabetents Wee Being Unable to Acomplish Sai<sup>d</sup> Roads Wee Therfore begs Your Honehors to Assist Your Willing but Yet Weak peapol Wee propose To Work at S<sup>d</sup> Roads for Four Shilling ₤ Day and find our Selves Wee propose To Work as many Dayes as We Severly Subscribe as Witness our hands &c &c—

|                                    |         |                   |   |
|------------------------------------|---------|-------------------|---|
| Sam <sup>l</sup> Moore             | 6 Days  | John Duncan       | 6 |
| James Dickey                       | 12      | Alexander Jameson | 8 |
| William Smith                      | 11      | James Duncan      | 5 |
| his<br>Sam <sup>l</sup> O Morrison | 5       | John Green        | 6 |
| mark<br>his<br>John ++ Gorden      | 6       | James Aiken       | 8 |
| mark<br>Joseph Boyd                | 7       | Robert Boyd       | 5 |
| John Moor                          | 6       | Randel Alexander  | 6 |
| John m <sup>c</sup> Cleary         | 6       | John Stuart       | 6 |
| Thomas Nichols                     | 12 Days |                   |   |



[*Petition of Inhabitants, 1773.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 7, p. 181.]

Province of } To the Proprietors of the Claim of John Tufton  
New Hampshire } mason Esq<sup>r</sup>—  
County of } The Petition of us the Subscribers Being Inhabi-  
Hillsborough } tants and Purchers of part of the Society Land  
Humbly Desire your Honours To send a Surveyer or Commitee To  
Perambelat or run The Lines of Said Land as the Plan of Said Land  
and the Corners and Lines Donot Agree and as some of the Inhabi-  
tants Has Settled agreeable to the Plan and others acording to the  
Lines which appears to make a great Confution and Prevent Your  
Petitioners of makeing any more improvement untill there is some  
Proper measures taken there being Daily Ineroachments making on  
Different parts of the Society Land Causes us to Beleive that your  
Honours Compliance herewith will very much Serve your Intrest  
Incoredg the Settlement of the Wilderness and afford your Humble  
Petitioners Relief in our Distresed Conditions and we as in Duty  
Bound Shall ever Pray—

Francestown November the 29 1773

|                                |                            |                |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------|
| John Quigly                    | Samul Nickols              | Thomas Quigly  |
| Tho <sup>s</sup> : Aiken       | Hugh M <sup>t</sup> Yumery | Thomas Nichols |
| John Dunkon                    | Denuel Nicoles             | William Quigly |
| Adam Nicoles                   | John Dickey                | James Hopkens  |
| Thomas Quigly Jun <sup>r</sup> | Robort Hopkens             | James Dunken   |
| Robort Fulton                  | John Dinsmoor              |                |

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[*Petition for Bridge, 1774.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 7, p. 182.]

October y<sup>e</sup> 12<sup>th</sup> 1774

To the Honorable The Lord Proprietors of the Society Land So  
called A petition Humbly Shewing that Whereas a Number having  
begun to make Setteltments on the West side of Contookook River  
have been at great cost Clearning a Road from Francess Town line  
over S<sup>d</sup> River thro' No 5 N. W. cosing No 7 & 9 & 10 thro the great  
right to the mills on Esq<sup>r</sup> Jaffrey<sup>s</sup> Lot also from No. 5 West thro' the  
great Right No 3 to Limrick Road it being the Straight course betwixt  
the County Towns from Amharst to No. 4 Crossing near the Center  
of S<sup>d</sup> land A bridge is absolutly Needed at that place as it is about

half way betwixt Petersborough and Hillsborough and will best Sute the publick & the major part of the inhabetents and advance your intrests It belonging wholly to the few Setlers to build s<sup>d</sup> Bridge we depend upon your generous assistance to enable us without appression to Compleat the Same

This is the earnst request of your Petitioners

|                                  |                                 |                              |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------|
| William Smith                    | James Aiken                     | John Duncan                  |
| Joseph Boyd                      | Robert Anderson                 | John Anderson                |
| William Anderson                 | William Gregg                   | Archibald Macmurphy          |
| James Aiken Jun <sup>r</sup>     | George Gregg                    | Joseph Gregg                 |
| James Gormon                     | John Archibald                  | John Mackay                  |
| John Aiken                       | Henry Parkinson                 | Robert Macmurphy             |
| George Duncan Jun <sup>r</sup>   | Jonathan Adams                  | David Brewster               |
| William Betty                    | Thomas Craig                    | William Adams                |
| Abiel Upton                      | Jacob Basford                   | Andrew Todd                  |
| William Severns                  | Charles Cooe                    | Jonathan Reed                |
| John Duncan                      | George Duncan                   | John Duncan Jun <sup>r</sup> |
| William Duncan                   | William Duncan jun <sup>r</sup> | Abraham Duncan               |
| James Duncan Jun <sup>r</sup>    | Daniel Macmillan                | Isaac Brewster               |
| James Neysmith                   | Benjamin Gregg                  | James Miltimor               |
| Daniel Miltimor                  | John Gregg                      | Samuel Gregg                 |
| Samuel Gregg jun <sup>r</sup>    | Rober Dinsmoor                  | James Gregg                  |
| John Cochran                     | Matthew Dickey                  | Alexander Huchinson          |
| James Gregg Jun <sup>r</sup>     | John Mackeen                    | Thomas Christy               |
| Robert Macfarland                | John Mackeen Jun <sup>r</sup>   | Robert Mackeen               |
| Samuel Taylor                    | David Mackeen                   | George Moor                  |
| George Moor Jun <sup>r</sup>     | John Hall                       | Isaac Cochran                |
| Isaac Butterfield                | William Miltimor                | Robert Adams                 |
| John Hunter                      | William Clark of Ackworth       |                              |
| George Duncan Ackw <sup>th</sup> | John Duncan Ditto               |                              |
| Jonathan French D <sup>o</sup>   | John Marsh                      |                              |

[Endorsed] Feb<sup>y</sup> 22 To lay for farther Consideration



## SOMERSWORTH.

[Set off from Dover as a parish Dec. 19, 1729, but not entirely separated and incorporated until April 22, 1754. Rollinsford was set off and incorporated July 3, 1849. Somersworth was incorporated as a city Feb. 24, 1893.]

See IX, Bouton Town Papers, 760; XIII, Hammond Town Papers, 506; papers under title Dover; Index to Laws, 509; sketch, Hurd's History of Strafford County, 1882, p. 680; Names of First Settlers, 3, Collections of N. H. Historical Society, 39; sermon at dedication of new Universalist Meeting-House, by J. P. Atkinson, with address by T. F. King, 1833, pp. 23; Stewart's History of the Free Baptists, 1862, pp. 252, 375; Baptist Churches in N. H., by E. E. Cummings, 1836, p. 20; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, p. 345; Historical Sketch, by W. D. Knapp, in first city report, 1894; same in pamphlet.]

[For votes and petition of Somersworth and Dover men, see Wakefield papers.—ED.]

## STODDARD.

[Granted by the Masonian Proprietors May 10, 1752, to Col. Sampson Stoddard and others, and known as *Monadnock No. 7*, and *Limerick*. The charter was renewed Nov. 4, 1767. Incorporated as Stoddard Nov. 4, 1774, and named in honor of Col. Stoddard. The southwest corner was combined with portions of Gilsum, Keene, and Nelson to form the town of Sullivan, Sept. 27, 1787. That part of Stoddard included in the limits of Marlow and Gilsum was restored to Stoddard June 21, 1797. A part of the town was annexed to Nelson June 25, 1835.]

See New Hampshire charters in preceding volumes; IX, Bouton Town Papers, 552; XIII, Hammond Town Papers, 455; Index to Laws, 523; sketch, Hurd's History of Cheshire County, 1886, p. 331; sketch, Child's Gazetteer of Cheshire County, 1885, p. 381; Biographical Notices of Physicians, 1, N. H. Repository, 134; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, p. 289.]

[*Charter of Stoddard, 1752.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 8, p. 1, and Proprietors' Records, Vol. 6, p. 123.]

Province of ) Pursuant to the Power And Authority Granted  
New Hamp<sup>r</sup> ) And vested in me by the Prop<sup>rs</sup> of Lands Pur-  
chased of John Tufton Mason Esq in S<sup>d</sup> Province of New Hamp<sup>r</sup> by  
their vote passed At their meeting held at Portsmouth in s<sup>d</sup> Province  
y<sup>e</sup> 6 day of December A D. 1751—

I do by these presents on the Conditions & Limitations with the Reservations hereafter expressed give and grant unto the Severall persons hereafter named the Severall Proportions of Rights unto them Respectively mentioned vid<sup>t</sup> to Coll<sup>o</sup> Sampson Stoddard twenty Shares to the Reverend M<sup>r</sup> Thomas Parker four Shares to Thomas Read And Joseph Read two Shares to John Varnum Eight Shares to Reuben Kidder Eight Shares to Thomas Read Jun<sup>r</sup> two Shares to James Dunn two Shares to Benjamin Hoar two Shares to Thomas Spalding four Shares to Peter Powers Six Shares to Benj<sup>a</sup> Farley two Shares to William Blodget two Shares to Hugh Willson two Shares to Robert Fletcher And Hugh Willson two Shares One Half each to Daniel Stickney two Shares to John Butterfield two Shares to Joseph Eayers two Shares to Andrew Spalding and Benjamin Fassett two Shares one half each to Samuel Stevens two Shares to Josiah Willard One Share to John Chamberlain two Shares to Nathaniel Richardson two Shares to Ebenezer Peirce & Josiah Fisk two Shares to Joseph Spalding two Shares And One Share for the Priviledge and Encouragement of Building mills to be disposed of by the Grantees to Robert Fletcher Seven Shares to John Varnam & Robert Fletcher One Share in Equal Halves All the Right title Interest property And possession of the prop<sup>rs</sup> afores<sup>d</sup> the Grantors, of in And to all that tract of Land or township Called Manadnock Number Seven in the Province afores<sup>d</sup> Containing About Six miles two Hundred And Ninety rods Square, or of those Contents Bounded Southerly On the township Called Manadnock Number Six Westerly on the line Called the Patent line Else Where on the Unappropriated lands of the Grantors Begining at the North west Corner of Number Six Afores<sup>d</sup> at the afores<sup>d</sup> Patent line from thence runing northerly by S<sup>d</sup> Patent line Seven miles to a Stake and Stones from thence South Eighty Degrees East Seven miles to a Beach tree marked from thence South twenty One degrees west two miles to a Stake & Stons from thence South fifteen degrees West five miles to a Stake in a pond Called Rye pond in the line of Number Six Afores<sup>d</sup> from thence North Eighty degrees west Seven miles by S<sup>d</sup> Number Six to the Bounds first Mentioned, To Have And To Hold to them their Heirs And Assigns on the following terms and Conditions with the Reservations that is to Say that the Whole tract of Land afores<sup>d</sup> be Divided into One Hundred And thirty Equall Shares And that Each Share Contain three lotts Equitably Coupled together And Drawn for Att Dunstable at or before the last day of January next that three of the Afores<sup>d</sup> Shares be granted And Appropriated free of all Charge One for the first Settled minister One for the Ministry and One for the School there forever



That Twenty of the afores<sup>d</sup> Shares be And hereby Are Reserved to And for the Use of the Grantors their Heirs And Assigns forever, Acquitted and Clere of all Such Charges as has or Shall Arise in Bringing forward the Settlement untill Improved by them or Some holding under them Respectively

That all the lotts of Grantors And Grantees be Subject to have all necessary Roads Lay'd thrô them As there Shall be Occasion for the future without any pay or allowance.

that there be ten Settlements made in the township afores<sup>d</sup> by the Following Grantees vid<sup>t</sup> Sampson Stoddard One James Dun One Andrew Spalding and Benjamin Fassett One Reuben Kidder two Thomas Spaulding two Samuel Stevens One John Butterfield One Nathaniel Richardson one in the following Manner viz<sup>t</sup> that On or before the last day of may 1755 there be for Each of the afores<sup>d</sup> Settlements two Acres Cleared Inclosed & fitted for mowing or tillage on Some one Right Each and a Comfortable Dwellinghouse built And finished by that time and by them Selves or Some Other Person In their Stead on Each Settlement Inhabit there And to Continue Inhabitancy there for five Years then next Ensuing, and for each of the S<sup>d</sup> Settlements two Acres Annually to be Cleared Inclosed And fitted as Afores<sup>d</sup> from the S<sup>d</sup> last of may 1755 for three Years then Next Coming

Also that there be ten more Settlements made in the township afores<sup>d</sup> at or before the last day of may 1756 by the Following Grantees that is to Say by Daniel Stickney One by John Chamberlain One Reuben Kidder One Benjamin Hoar One Thomas Read & Joseph Read One Joseph Eayers One Eben<sup>r</sup> Peirce and Josiah Fisk One Hugh Willson One Benjamin Farley One Thomas Read Jun<sup>r</sup> One And that there be for the S<sup>d</sup> ten Settlements each two Acres Clered Inclosed And fitted As afores<sup>d</sup> And a house as afores<sup>d</sup> Built And Fitted as afores<sup>d</sup> And by them Selves or Some Other Person for Each Settlement Resident there for four Years then next Coming the whole of Each Duty to be done on Some one Right belonging to the Respective Grantees afores<sup>d</sup> And next Afterwards Annually on Each Right Whereon the Respective Settlements afores<sup>d</sup> Shall be made to Clere Inclose & fitt as afores<sup>d</sup> two Acres more for three Years then next Coming

Also that there be ten more Settlements made in Said Township at or before the last day of may 1757 by the following Grantees viz<sup>t</sup> Sampson Stoddard four Peter Powers two the Reverend M<sup>r</sup> Thomas Parker two Tho<sup>s</sup> Parker Jun<sup>r</sup> one Hugh Willson & Robert Fletcher one And that there be for the S<sup>d</sup> ten Settlements On the Respective lotts where on they are made, each two Acres Clered Inclosed and

fitted As afores<sup>d</sup> And On Each a House Built as afores<sup>d</sup> And by themselves or Some Other Person in their Stead on Each Settlement Continue Residence there for three Years then Next Com'ing the Whole of each Settlement to be done on Some one Right Only Belonging to the Respective Grantees afores<sup>d</sup> And Next Afterwards Annually on Each Right Whereon the Respective Settlements afores<sup>d</sup> Shall be made, there be Clered Inclosed And fitted As afores<sup>d</sup> two Acres more for three Years then Next Coming——

Also that there be ten more Settlements made in S<sup>d</sup> Township att or before the last day of may 1758 by the Following Grantees viz<sup>t</sup> Sampson Stoddard three Mathew Thornton three John Varnam two Reuben Kidder One William Blodget One and that there be for said ten Settlements (each) two Acres Clered Inclosed and fitted As afores<sup>d</sup> And a house Built as afores<sup>d</sup> And by themselves or Some Other Person in their Stead, for such Settlement Continue Residency there for two Years then next Coming the whole of each Respective Duty to be done On Some one Share Belonging to the S<sup>d</sup> Grantee his Respective part, and next afterwards Annually On Each Share Where S<sup>d</sup> Settlement Shall be made two Acres be Clered Inclosed And Fitted as afores<sup>d</sup>——

That the afores<sup>d</sup> Grantees or their Assigns by a Major vote in a Publick meeting Called for that purpose Grant And Assess Such Sums as they Shall think necessary for Carrying forward and Compleating the Settlement afores<sup>d</sup> And Any of the Grantees afores<sup>d</sup> exclusive of the three publick Rights afores<sup>d</sup> Who shall neglect, for the Space of two months then Next after Such Assessment Shall be made And posted up at Such place and Places as Shall be Appointed for Notifying Prop<sup>rs</sup> meetings so much of Such Delinquents Right or Rights, Shall or may be Sold As will pay the tax And all Charges Arising thereon by a Com'ittee of Nondelinquent Grantees Appointed for that purpose,

And in Case Any of the Grantees Shall Neglect or Refuse to Perform Any of the Articles Matters And things afores<sup>d</sup> to be done by him Respectively he Shall Forfeit Two of his or their Shares And Rights in S<sup>d</sup> Township and every part thereof for each Delinquency of a Right in Duty to those of the Grantees that Shall have Complied with the Conditions on their part And it Shall & may be Lawfull for them or Any Person in their Name and by their Authority to Enter into And upon Such Delinquents Right or Rights As before Specified to be forfeited and him to Amove Oust And Expell, for the Use of S<sup>d</sup> Grantees their Heirs And Assigns Provided they Settle or Cause to be Settled each Such Delinquent Right or Rights within one Year at the furthest that is by this Instrument Stipulated to be done as the



Conditions of this Grant And fully discharge And Comply with the whole duty Such Delinquent & Delinquents Ought to have done within One Year After the Severall Periods thereof And in Case the s<sup>d</sup> Grantees fullfilling their part as afores<sup>d</sup> Shall Neglect fullfilling as afores<sup>d</sup> the duty of any Delinquent Owner nor he himself Perform it As afores<sup>d</sup> that then Such Share or Shares Shall be forfeit Revert And Belong to the Grantors their Heirs & Assigns and to be Wholly at their Disposall Always provided there be no Indian War Within Any of the terms Limitted as afores<sup>d</sup> for doing the duty Conditioned in this Grant to be done and in Case that Should Happen the Same time to be Allowed for the Respective matters And things afores<sup>d</sup> After Such Impediment Shall be Removed Also that all White pine trees fitt for masting his majestys Ryall Navy be And hereby Are Granted unto his Majesty his heirs & Successors forever Lastly the S<sup>d</sup> Grantors do hereby promis to the S<sup>d</sup> Grantees their heirs And Assigns to defend through the Law to King and Councill if need be One Action that Shall And may be brought Against any person or number of persons Claiming the Township or any part thereof by any Other Tittle than that of the S<sup>d</sup> Grantors or that by Which they hold And Derive theirs from provided the S<sup>d</sup> Grantors Are avouched in to Defend the Same And that in Case of finall tryall the Same Shall be Recovered Against the Grantors the S<sup>d</sup> Grantees Shall Recover nothing Over Against the Grantors for the S<sup>d</sup> Lands Improvements & epence in Bringing forward the Settlement Afores<sup>d</sup>——In Testimony Whereof I Joseph Blanchard Agent for the Prop<sup>rs</sup> afores<sup>d</sup> And On Their Behalf have here unto Sett my hand And Seal this tenth day of may 1752 And in the 26<sup>th</sup> Year of his majestys Reign

Signed Sealed and

Joseph Blanchard [Seal]

Delivered In presence of

Daniel Moor

Sarah Blanchard

John Varnum Propriators Cler

[*Draft of Lots, 1753.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 8, p. 2, and Proprietors' Records, Vol. 6, p. 130.]

| Number of<br>Proprietors | Names of ye Proprietors  | Lots | Range | Lots | Range | Lots | Range |
|--------------------------|--|------|-------|------|-------|------|-------|
| 1                        | Col <sup>o</sup> Sampson Stoddard . . . . .                          | 17   | 5     | 17   | 10    | 16   | 10    |
| 2                        | Daniel Stickney . . . . .  | 18   | 5     | 18   | 10    | 15   | 10    |
| 3                        | Ebenzer Peirce . . . . .   | 19   | 5     | 24   | 9     | 20   | 5     |
| 4                        | Thomas Parker Jun <sup>r</sup> . . . . .                             | 1    | 7     | 14   | 11    | 8    | 0     |
| 5                        | Cap <sup>t</sup> John Chamberlain . . . . .                          | 2    | 7     | 18   | 2     | 24   | 5     |
| 6                        | James Dun . . . . .  | 3    | 7     | 26   | 1     | 22   | 4     |
| 7                        | Tho <sup>s</sup> Wallingsford Esq <sup>r</sup> . . . . .             | 4    | 7     | 24   | 0     | 25   | 0     |
| 8                        | Marth <sup>o</sup> Thorontn . . . . .                                | 5    | 7     | 22   | 3     | 23   | 2     |
| 9                        | Ministrey . . . . .  | 6    | 7     | 13   | 3     | 14   | 3     |
| 10                       | Col <sup>o</sup> Sampson Stodard . . . . .                           | 7    | 7     | 19   | 8     | 11   | 12    |
| 11                       | Thomas Paccker Esq <sup>r</sup> . . . . .                            | 8    | 7     | 28   | 12    | 16   | 13    |
| 12                       | Col <sup>o</sup> Sampson Stoddard . . . . .                          | 9    | 7     | 23   | 11    | 23   | 0     |
| 13                       | Benjamin Fasset . . . . .  | 10   | 7     | 9    | 1     | 20   | 0     |
| 14                       | John Varnam . . . . .  | 11   | 7     | 24   | 3     | 26   | 0     |
| 15                       | Col <sup>o</sup> Joseph Blanchard Esq <sup>r</sup> . . . . .         | 12   | 7     | 28   | 11    | 17   | 12    |
| 16                       | Rever <sup>d</sup> Thomas Parker . . . . .                           | 13   | 7     | 27   | 12    | 18   | 12    |
| 17                       | Reuben Kidder . . . . .  | 14   | 7     | 21   | 5     | 19   | 12    |
| 18                       | Tho <sup>s</sup> Spaulding . . . . .                                 | 15   | 7     | 22   | 5     | 21   | 4     |
| 19                       | Thomas Reed Esq <sup>r</sup> . . . . .                               | 16   | 7     | 25   | 12    | 26   | 4     |
| 20                       | Daniel Stickney . . . . .  | 17   | 7     | 15   | 0     | 24   | 1     |
| 21                       | Col <sup>o</sup> Sampson Stoddard . . . . .                          | 18   | 7     | 26   | 12    | 25   | 4     |
| 22                       | Col <sup>o</sup> Sampson Stoddard . . . . .                          | 19   | 7     | 25   | 5     | 27   | 0     |
| 23                       | Benj <sup>a</sup> Farley . . . . .                                   | 20   | 7     | 24   | 2     | 20   | 1     |
| 24                       | Joseph Spaulding . . . . .   | 21   | 7     | 23   | 1     | 28   | 0     |
| 25                       | Col <sup>o</sup> Sampson Stoddard . . . . .                          | 22   | 7     | 27   | 1     | 25   | 2     |
| 26                       | Minister . . . . .   | 23   | 7     | 2    | 3     | 8    | 3     |
| 27                       | Cap <sup>n</sup> Peter Powers . . . . .                              | 24   | 7     | 6    | 3     | 19   | 4     |
| 28                       | Col. Nath <sup>l</sup> Meserve Esq <sup>r</sup> and others . . . . . | 25   | 7     | 2    | 4     | 6    | 4     |
| 29                       | Joseph Eayers . . . . .  | 26   | 7     | 17   | 3     | 11   | 4     |
| 30                       | Marthow Thorontn Esq <sup>r</sup> . . . . .                          | 27   | 7     | 23   | 5     | 26   | 2     |
| 31                       | Col <sup>o</sup> Sampson Stoddard . . . . .                          | 28   | 7     | 4    | 4     | 10   | 4     |
| 32                       | Col <sup>o</sup> Sampson Stoddard . . . . .                          | 1    | 8     | 8    | 4     | 16   | 1     |
| 33                       | Tho <sup>s</sup> Parker Jun <sup>r</sup> . . . . .                   | 2    | 8     | 9    | 4     | 17   | 2     |
| 34                       | Mark Hunk <sup>n</sup> Wentworth Esq <sup>r</sup> . . . . .          | 3    | 8     | 10   | 2     | 17   | 0     |
| 35                       | William Parker Esq <sup>r</sup> . . . . .                            | 4    | 8     | 14   | 4     | 13   | 4     |
| 36                       | Reubin Kidder . . . . .  | 5    | 8     | 5    | 2     | 10   | 1     |
| 37                       | Thomas Spaulding . . . . .   | 6    | 8     | 12   | 2     | 17   | 1     |
| 38                       | Peter Powers . . . . .   | 7    | 8     | 1    | 2     | 12   | 1     |
| 39                       | Joseph Eayers . . . . .  | 8    | 8     | 19   | 1     | 23   | 4     |
| 40                       | Joshua Peirce . . . . .  | 9    | 8     | 12   | 3     | 7    | 2     |
| 41                       | Col <sup>o</sup> Sampson Stoddard . . . . .                          | 10   | 8     | 8    | 2     | 9    | 2     |
| 42                       | Cap <sup>t</sup> Peter Powers . . . . .                              | 11   | 8     | 13   | 1     | 14   | 0     |



| Number of<br>Proprietors | Names of Proprietors                                    |      |       |      |       |      |       |      |       |
|--------------------------|---|------|-------|------|-------|------|-------|------|-------|
|                          |   | Lots | Range | Lots | Range | Lots | Range | Lots | Range |
| 43                       | Benjamin Farley . . . . .                               | 12   | 8     | 18   | 4     | 20   | 4     |      |       |
| 44                       | Hugh Willson . . . . .                                  | 13   | 8     | 17   | 4     | 15   | 3     |      |       |
| 45                       | Reubin Kidder . . . . .                                 | 23   | 8     | 8    | 12    | 9    | 12    |      |       |
| 46                       | John Varnam . . . . .                                   | 15   | 8     | 23   | 3     | 11   | 10    |      |       |
| 47                       | Reuben Kidder . . . . .                                 | 16   | 8     | 4    | 3     | 3    | 3     |      |       |
| 48                       | John Rindge . . . . .                                   | 17   | 8     | 7    | 4     | 24   | 4     |      |       |
| 49                       | Peter Powers . . . . .                                  | 18   | 8     | 1    | 3     | 5    | 3     |      |       |
| 50                       | Marth <sup>o</sup> Thornton Esq <sup>r</sup> . . . . .  | 14   | 8     | 1    | 1     | 2    | 1     |      |       |
| 51                       | Thomas Parker Rever <sup>d</sup> . . . . .              | 20   | 8     | 1    | 4     | 3    | 4     |      |       |
| 52                       | Marth <sup>o</sup> Livermore Esq <sup>r</sup> . . . . . | 21   | 8     | 19   | 11    | 21   | 11    |      |       |
| 53                       | William Blotchet . . . . .                              | 22   | 8     | 22   | 11    | 18   | 11    |      |       |
| 54                       | John Varnam . . . . .                                   | 24   | 8     | 6    | 10    | 4    | 13    |      |       |
| 55                       | Samuel Stevens . . . . .                                | 16   | 9     | 9    | 11    | 5    | 11    |      |       |
| 56                       | Benja <sup>a</sup> Hoar . . . . .                       | 25   | 8     | 5    | 13    | 8    | 13    |      |       |
| 57                       | Tho <sup>s</sup> Parker Jun <sup>r</sup> . . . . .      | 26   | 8     | 17   | 11    | 6    | 11    |      |       |
| 58                       | Andrew Spaulding . . . . .                              | 27   | 8     | 6    | 13    | 7    | 13    |      |       |
| 59                       | John Butterfield . . . . .                              | 28   | 8     | 1    | 13    | 2    | 12    |      |       |
| 60                       | Josiah Fisk . . . . .                                   | 1    | 9     | 3    | 2     | 4    | 2     |      |       |
| 61                       | Col <sup>o</sup> Sampson Stoddard . . . . .             | 2    | 9     | 13   | 2     | 6    | 1     |      |       |
| 62                       | John Varnam . . . . .                                   | 3    | 9     | 10   | 11    | 18   | 13    |      |       |
| 63                       | Col <sup>o</sup> Sampson Stoddard . . . . .             | 4    | 9     | 15   | 11    | 12   | 11    |      |       |
| 64                       | William Blotchet . . . . .                              | 15   | 9     | 20   | 11    | 24   | 11    |      |       |
| 65                       | Theodore Atkinson Esq <sup>r</sup> . . . . .            | 6    | 9     | 5    | 12    | 6    | 12    |      |       |
| 66                       | Robert Fletcher . . . . .                               | 7    | 9     | 3    | 12    | 12   | 12    |      |       |
| 67                       | Samuel Stevens . . . . .                                | 8    | 9     | 13   | 12    | 14   | 12    |      |       |
| 68                       | Tho <sup>s</sup> Reed Esq <sup>r</sup> . . . . .        | 9    | 9     | 7    | 11    | 8    | 11    |      |       |
| 69                       | Col <sup>o</sup> Sampson Stoddard . . . . .             | 10   | 9     | 3    | 11    | 4    | 11    |      |       |
| 70                       | John Moffatt Esq <sup>r</sup> . . . . .                 | 11   | 9     | 2    | 11    | 16   | 3     |      |       |
| 71                       | James Dun . . . . .                                     | 12   | 9     | 4    | 12    | 6    | 14    |      |       |
| 72                       | Jotham Oddiorne Esq <sup>r</sup> . . . . .              | 13   | 9     | 24   | 12    | 12   | 13    |      |       |
| 73                       | Col <sup>o</sup> Sampson Stoddard . . . . .             | 14   | 9     | 2    | 14    | 1    | 12    |      |       |
| 74                       | Mill Right . . . . .                                    | 5    | 9     | 13   | 11    | 16   | 11    |      |       |
| 75                       | Benjamin Hoar . . . . .                                 | 14   | 2     | 9    | 3     | 10   | 3     |      |       |
| 76                       | John Tuftin Mason & Tomlinson . . . . .                 | 17   | 9     | 1    | 11    | 25   | 11    |      |       |
| 77                       | Marth <sup>o</sup> Thornton Esq <sup>r</sup> . . . . .  | 18   | 9     | 7    | 12    | 2    | 13    |      |       |
| 78                       | Reubin Kidder . . . . .                                 | 19   | 9     | 22   | 12    | 21   | 12    |      |       |
| 79                       | Col <sup>o</sup> Sampson Stoddard . . . . .             | 20   | 9     | 18   | 1     | 22   | 1     |      |       |
| 80                       | Marth <sup>o</sup> Thornton Esq <sup>r</sup> . . . . .  | 21   | 9     | 27   | 9     | 28   | 9     |      |       |
| 81                       | John Butterfield . . . . .                              | 1    | 6     | 5    | 4     | 2    | 2     |      |       |
| 82                       | John Varnam . . . . .                                   | 2    | 6     | 5    | 1     | 4    | 1     |      |       |
| 83                       | Martho Thornton Esq <sup>r</sup> . . . . .              | 3    | 6     | 19   | 0     | 21   | 0     |      |       |
| 84                       | Marth <sup>o</sup> Thorontn Esq <sup>r</sup> . . . . .  | 4    | 6     | 26   | 5     | 27   | 5     |      |       |
| 85                       | Daniel Pierce & Mayson Esq <sup>r</sup> . . . . .       | 5    | 6     | 27   | 4     | 15   | 4     |      |       |
| 86                       | Hugh Willson . . . . .                                  | 6    | 6     | 16   | 4     | 12   | 4     |      |       |

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|--------------------------|--|------|-------|-------|-------|------|-------|-------|-------|
|                          |  | Lots | Range | Lots  | Range | Lots | Range | Lots  | Range |
| 87                       | Tho <sup>s</sup> Reed Jun <sup>r</sup> . . . . .       | 7    | 6     | 16    | 2     | 22   | 2     |       |       |
| 88                       | Col <sup>o</sup> Sampson Stoddard . . . . .            | 8    | 6     | 16    | 0     | 21   | 1     |       |       |
| 89                       | Thomas Spaulding . . . . .                             | 9    | 6     | 28    | 5     | 28   | 4     |       |       |
| 90                       | John Wentworth Esq <sup>r</sup> . . . . .              | 10   | 6     | 26    | 6     | 27   | 6     |       |       |
| 91                       | John Chamberlain . . . . .                             | 11   | 6     | 28    | 6     | 21   | 10    |       |       |
| 92                       | Joseph Spaulding . . . . .                             | 12   | 6     | 24    | 10    | 25   | 10    |       |       |
| 93                       | John Varnam . . . . .                                  | 13   | 6     | 22    | 10    | 26   | 10    |       |       |
| 94                       | Col <sup>o</sup> Sampson Stoddard . . . . .            | 15   | 6     | 16    | 12    | 11   | 13    |       |       |
| 95                       | School Right . . . . .                                 | 14   | 6     | 26    | 11    | 27   | 11    |       |       |
| 96                       | Tho <sup>s</sup> Spaulding . . . . .                   | 16   | 6     | 9     | 13    | 10   | 13    |       |       |
| 97                       | Nath <sup>l</sup> Richardson . . . . .                 | 17   | 6     | 3     | 13    | 14   | 14    |       |       |
| 98                       | Robert Fletcher . . . . .                              | 18   | 6     | 13    | 13    | 14   | 13    |       |       |
| 99                       | Col <sup>o</sup> Sampson Stoddard . . . . .            | 19   | 6     | 15    | 13    | 17   | 13    |       |       |
| 100                      | Robert Fletcher . . . . .                              | 20   | 6     | 25    | 6     | 12   | 0     |       |       |
| 101                      | Tho <sup>s</sup> Reed Jun <sup>r</sup> . . . . .       | 21   | 6     | 22    | 0     | 25   | 1     |       |       |
| 102                      | Tho <sup>s</sup> Parker Jun <sup>r</sup> . . . . .     | 22   | 6     | 14    | 1     | 15   | 1     |       |       |
| 103                      | Tho <sup>s</sup> Parker Jun <sup>r</sup> . . . . .     | 23   | 6     | 6     | 2     | 21   | 2     |       |       |
| 104                      | Col <sup>o</sup> Sampson Stoddard . . . . .            | 24   | 6     | 27    | 2     | 28   | 2     |       |       |
| 105                      | Solley and March Esq <sup>r</sup> . . . . .            | 1    | 5     | 1     | 10    | 2    | 10    |       |       |
| 106                      | Capt Peter Powers . . . . .                            | 2    | 5     | 10    | 10    | 3    | 14    |       |       |
| 107                      | Tho <sup>s</sup> Parker Jun <sup>r</sup> . . . . .     | 3    | 5     | 7     | 10    | 11   | 3     |       |       |
| 108                      | Hugh Willson . . . . .                                 | 4    | 5     | 5     | 14    | 8    | 10    |       |       |
| 109                      | John Varnam . . . . .                                  | 5    | 5     | 20    | 12    | 10   | 12    |       |       |
| 110                      | Richard Wybird Esq <sup>r</sup> . . . . .              | 6    | 5     | 3     | 10    | 4    | 10    |       |       |
| 111                      | Georg Gaffrey Esq <sup>r</sup> . . . . .               | 7    | 5     | 7     | 14    | 15   | 12    |       |       |
| 112                      | Peter Powers . . . . .                                 | 8    | 5     | 9     | 10    | 23   | 10    |       |       |
| 113                      | Revr <sup>d</sup> Thomas Parker . . . . .              | 9    | 5     | 5     | 10    | 28   | 10    |       |       |
| 114                      | Reuben Kidder . . . . .                                | 10   | 5     | 20    | 10    | 23   | 12    |       |       |
| 115                      | Reuben Kidder . . . . .                                | 11   | 5     | 22    | 9     | 14   | 10    |       |       |
| 116                      | Revr <sup>d</sup> Tho <sup>s</sup> Parker . . . . .    | 12   | 5     | 25    | 9     | 27   | 10    |       |       |
| 117                      | Nath <sup>l</sup> Richardson . . . . .                 | 13   | 5     | 23    | 9     | 26   | 9     |       |       |
| 118                      | Josiah Willard . . . . .                               | 14   | 5     | 13    | 0     | 9    | 0     |       |       |
| 119                      | Col <sup>o</sup> Sampson Stoddard . . . . .            | 15   | 5     | 13    | 10    | 19   | 10    |       |       |
| 120                      | Col <sup>o</sup> Sampson Stoddard . . . . .            | 16   | 5     | 8     | 1     | 3    | 1     |       |       |
| 121                      | Marth <sup>o</sup> Thorontn Esq <sup>r</sup> . . . . . | 11   | 11    | 21    | 13    | 11   | 2     |       |       |
| 122                      | John Varnam . . . . .                                  | 7    | 3     | 19    | 13    | 10   | 0     |       |       |
| 123                      | Reuben Kidder . . . . .                                | 12   | 10    | 20    | 13    | 8    | 14    |       |       |
| 124                      | John Wentworth . . . . .                               | 18   | 3     | 19    | 3     | 28   | 3     |       |       |
| 125                      | Robert Fletcher Jun . . . . .                          | 21   | 3     | 19    | 2     | 22   | 13    |       |       |
| 126                      | Robert Fletcher . . . . .                              | 20   | 3     | 20    | 2     | 23   | 13    |       |       |
| 127                      | Robert Fletcher . . . . .                              | 26   | 3     | 11    | 1     | 25   | 3     |       |       |
| 128                      | Robert Fletcher . . . . .                              | 27   | 3     | 28    | 1     | 28   | 00    |       |       |
| 129                      | Robert Fletcher . . . . .                              | 15   | 2     | 4     | 14    | 11   | 0     |       |       |
| 130                      | John Varnam & Rob <sup>t</sup> Fletcher . . . . .      | 18   | 0     | 7     | 1     | 27   | 00    |       |       |



Dunstable January y<sup>e</sup> 2<sup>th</sup> 1753

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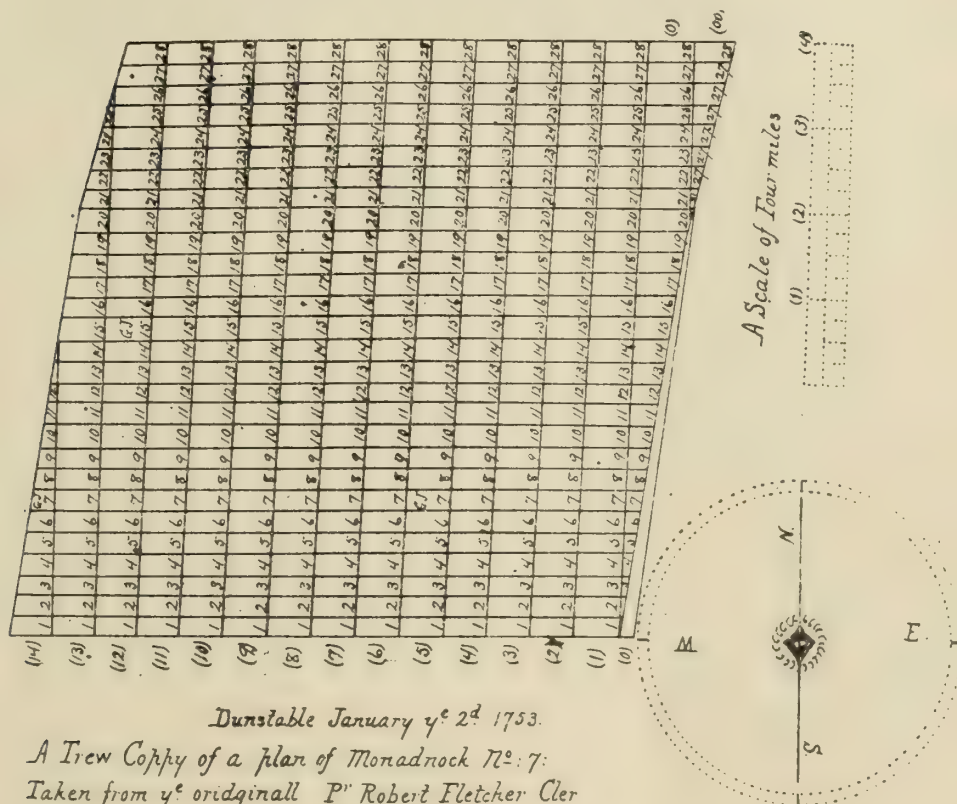
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Dunstable March 9<sup>th</sup> 1753

A Trew Copy Examined &amp;

John Varnum Propriators Cler

## [Plan of Stoddard, 1753.]

Dunstable January y<sup>e</sup> 2<sup>d</sup> 1753.A Trew Copy of a plan of Monadnock N<sup>o</sup>: 7:Taken from y<sup>e</sup> oridginall P<sup>r</sup> Robert Fletcher ClerDunstable March y<sup>e</sup> 10<sup>th</sup> 1753.

A Trew Copy Examined &amp; John Varnum Proprietors Cler—

## [Acceptance of Charter, 1753.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 8, p. 3, and Proprietors' Records, Vol. 6, p. 133.]

Whereas Joseph Blanchard Esq as Agent for and in y<sup>e</sup> Name & behalf of the Proprietors of y<sup>e</sup> Lands In y<sup>e</sup> Province of New Hampshire Purchased by them of John Tufton Mason Esq<sup>r</sup> Who Sold to them under the Title made by a Common Recovery: Did on y<sup>e</sup> 10 Day of may A: D: 1752 Grant y<sup>e</sup> Quantity of Forty Eight Square

Miles part of Said Lands Being the Contents of about Six miles Two Hundred and Ninety Rods Square. Bounded Southerly on y<sup>e</sup> Township Called Manadnock N<sup>o</sup> 6: Westerly on the Line Called the Pattent Line: Else Where on unapropriated Lands of y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup> Grantors. Begining at y<sup>e</sup> Northwest Corner of s<sup>d</sup> N<sup>o</sup> 6: At the S<sup>d</sup> Pattent Line and From thence Runing Northerly by S<sup>d</sup> Line Seven miles to a Stak & stones From thence Runing South Eighty Degrees east seven miles to a Beach tree: From thence South Twenty one Degrees West Two miles to a Stake In a pond Called the Rye pond: From thence Runing South 17 Degrees West five miles to a Heap of Stones In y<sup>e</sup> Line of s<sup>d</sup> N<sup>o</sup> 6: from thence North Eighty Degrees West Seven miles To the Bounds first mentioned.—

Under Certain Conditions Limitations & Reservations in S<sup>d</sup> Grant mentioned as by s<sup>d</sup> Grant Referance thereto Will fully appear.—

unto Col<sup>o</sup> Sampson Stoddard, y<sup>e</sup> Reverd M<sup>r</sup> Thomas Parker, Thos. Reed es<sup>r</sup>, Jos: Read Jn<sup>o</sup> Varnum Reubin Kidder Mathew Thornton, Thomas Parker Jun<sup>r</sup> Thomas Read Jun<sup>r</sup> James Dun, Benj<sup>a</sup> Hoar, Tho<sup>s</sup> Spaulding, Peter Powers, Benj<sup>a</sup> Farley W<sup>m</sup> Blodget Hugh Willson, Robert Fletcher Daniel Stickny John Butterfield Jos: Ayer Andrew Spaulding, Benj<sup>a</sup> Fasset, Samuel Stevens, Josiah Willard Jn<sup>o</sup> Chamberlain, Nathaniel Richardson Ebenezer Peirce Josiah Fisk Jos: Spaulding,

Therefore Voted That we Do Hereby accept Said Title and for our Selves our Heirs and assigns Do acknowledge that We Do Hold Said Lands under S<sup>d</sup> Tittle Conditions and Limitations With the Reservations therein mentioned

Dunstable March y<sup>e</sup> 9<sup>th</sup> 1753.

A Trew Copy Examined ☞

John Varnum Propriators Cler

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[*Petition for Regrant*, 1767.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 8, p. 4.]

Province of } To the Proprietors of Land Claimd under John  
New Hamp<sup>r</sup> } Tufton Mason Esq<sup>r</sup> Commonly Called Masons Grant  
or Patent, Octob<sup>r</sup> 8. 1767—

The Petition of Col<sup>o</sup> Sampson Stoddard & Jonathan Blanchard Humbly Shews,—

That the Tract of Land Called Monad<sup>k</sup> N<sup>o</sup> 7. Granted In Your Right in the Year 1752 to Sundry Persons Named in the Grant the



Major part of Whose Claims were finally Vested In Your Petitioners, That as the Grantees were not Able to fulfill the Conditions of the Grant they must & Do hereby Acknowledge it is Justly forfeited according to the Terms & Conditions In Said Grant mention'd & therefore We Do (to avoid further Trouble) Surrender the Tract of Land & pray that after You have Caused a Re-Entry & Resumption thereof to be made you woud be pleased to Grant Your Right Title & Demand in the Same to the Several Grantees Agreeable to a Schedule herewith Presented being Principally the same who Were named as Grantees aforesaid On such Terms & Conditions as You shall Judge Reasonable

Sampson Stoddard  
Jon<sup>a</sup> Blanchard

50 houses & settlem<sup>ts</sup> Were Enjoyned upon y<sup>e</sup> former Grantees in this Town

[Schedule of Proprietors and Lots, 1767.]  
[Masonian Papers, Vol. 8, p. 5.]

| A List of the Names of the Prop <sup>rs</sup><br>of Monad <sup>k</sup> N <sup>o</sup> 7. | N <sup>o</sup> | Range | N <sup>o</sup> | Range | N <sup>o</sup> | Range |
|--|----------------|-------|----------------|-------|----------------|-------|
| Col <sup>o</sup> Sampson Stoddard . . . .  | 17             | 5     | 17             | 10    | 16             | 10    |
| the Same . . . . .   | 18             | 5     | 18             | 10    | 15             | 10    |
| Ebenezer Peirce . . . . .  | 19             | 5     | 24             | 9     | 20             | 5     |
| Col <sup>o</sup> Stoddard . . . . .  | 1              | 7     | 14             | 11    | 8              | 0     |
| John Chamberlain . . . . .   | 2              | 7     | 18             | 2     | 24             | 5     |
| James Dun . . . . .  | 3              | 7     | 26             | 1     | 24             | 4     |
| Thomas Wallingford . . . . .   | 4              | 7     | 24             | 0     | 25             | 0     |
| Matthew Thornton . . . . .   | 5              | 7     | 22             | 3     | 23             | 2     |
| ministry . . . . .   | 6              | 7     | 13             | 3     | 14             | 3     |
| Col <sup>o</sup> Stoddard . . . . .  | 7              | 7     | 19             | 8     | 11             | 12    |
| Thomas Packer Esq <sup>r</sup> . . . . .   | 8              | 7     | 28             | 12    | 16             | 13    |
| Col <sup>o</sup> Stoddard . . . . .  | 9              | 7     | 23             | 11    | 23             | 0     |
| the same . . . . .   | 10             | 7     | 9              | 1     | 20             | 0     |
| John Varnum Esq <sup>r</sup> . . . . .   | 11             | 7     | 24             | 3     | 26             | 0     |
| Jon <sup>a</sup> Blanchard . . . . .   | 12             | 7     | 28             | 11    | 17             | 12    |
| Col <sup>o</sup> Stoddard . . . . .  | 13             | 7     | 27             | 12    | 18             | 12    |
| the Same . . . . .   | 14             | 7     | 21             | 5     | 19             | 12    |
| the Same . . . . .   | 15             | 7     | 22             | 5     | 21             | 4     |
| Thomas Reed Esqu <sup>r</sup> . . . . .  | 16             | 7     | 25             | 12    | 26             | 4     |
| Col <sup>o</sup> Stoddard . . . . .  | 17             | 7     | 15             | 0     | 24             | 1     |
| the Same . . . . .   | 18             | 7     | 26             | 12    | 25             | 4     |

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|--|----------------|-------|----------------|-------|----------------|-------|
| the Same . . . . .   | 19             | 7     | 25             | 5     | 27             | 0     |
| Ebenezer Farley . . . . .  | 20             | 7     | 24             | 2     | 20             | 1     |
| Joseph Spaulding . . . . .   | 21             | 7     | 23             | 1     | 28             | 1     |
| Col <sup>o</sup> Stoddard . . . . .  | 22             | 7     | 27             | 1     | 25             | 2     |
| for the first minister . . . . .   | 23             | 7     | 2              | 3     | 8              | 3     |
| Col <sup>o</sup> Stoddard . . . . .  | 24             | 7     | 6              | 3     | 19             | 3     |
| Nath <sup>l</sup> Meserve & Others . . . . .   | 25             | 7     | 2              | 4     | 6              | 4     |
| Stephen Powers . . . . .   | 26             | 7     | 17             | 3     | 11             | 4     |
| Matthew Thornton . . . . .   | 27             | 7     | 23             | 5     | 26             | 2     |
| Col <sup>o</sup> Stoddard . . . . .  | 28             | 7     | 4              | 4     | 10             | 4     |
| the Same . . . . .   | 1              | 8     | 8              | 4     | 16             | 1     |
| the same . . . . .   | 2              | 8     | 9              | 4     | 17             | 2     |
| Mark H <sup>s</sup> Wentworth Esq <sup>r</sup> . . . . .                                 | 3              | 8     | 10             | 2     | 17             | 0     |
| William Parker Esq <sup>r</sup> . . . . .  | 4              | 8     | 14             | 4     | 13             | 4     |
| Col <sup>o</sup> Stoddard . . . . .  | 5              | 8     | 5              | 2     | 10             | 1     |
| the Same . . . . .   | 6              | 8     | 12             | 2     | 17             | 1     |
| Col <sup>o</sup> Stoddard . . . . .  | 7              | 8     | 1              | 2     | 12             | 1     |
| Stephen Powers . . . . .   | 8              | 8     | 19             | 1     | 23             | 4     |
| Joshua Peirce Esq <sup>rs</sup> heirs . . . . .  | 9              | 8     | 12             | 3     | 7              | 2     |
| Col <sup>o</sup> Stoddard . . . . .  | 10             | 8     | 8              | 2     | 9              | 2     |
| Roland Cotton Esq <sup>r</sup> . . . . .   | 11             | 8     | 13             | 1     | 14             | 0     |
| Benjamin Farley . . . . .  | 12             | 8     | 18             | 4     | 20             | 4     |
| Hugh Willson . . . . .   | 13             | 8     | 17             | 4     | 15             | 3     |
| Nathaniel Cotton . . . . .   | 23             | 8     | 8              | 12    | 9              | 12    |
| John Varnum Esq <sup>r</sup> . . . . .   | 15             | 8     | 23             | 3     | 11             | 10    |
| Col <sup>o</sup> Stoddard . . . . .  | 16             | 8     | 4              | 3     | 3              | 3     |
| John Rindge . . . . .  | 17             | 8     | 7              | 4     | 24             | 4     |
| Roland Cotton Esq <sup>r</sup> . . . . .   | 18             | 8     | 1              | 3     | 5              | 3     |
| Matthew Thornton Esq <sup>r</sup> . . . . .  | 14             | 8     | 1              | 1     | 2              | 1     |
| Col <sup>o</sup> Stoddard . . . . .  | 20             | 8     | 1              | 4     | 3              | 4     |
| Matthew Livermore . . . . .  | 21             | 8     | 19             | 11    | 21             | 11    |
| William Blodget . . . . .  | 22             | 8     | 22             | 11    | 18             | 11    |
| John Varnum Esq <sup>r</sup> . . . . .   | 24             | 8     | 6              | 10    | 4              | 13    |
| Samuel Stevens . . . . .   | 16             | 9     | 9              | 11    | 5              | 11    |
| Benjamin Hoar . . . . .  | 25             | 8     | 5              | 3     | 8              | 13    |
| Col <sup>o</sup> Stoddard . . . . .  | 26             | 8     | 17             | 11    | 6              | 11    |
| the Same . . . . .   | 27             | 8     | 6              | 13    | 7              | 13    |
| Benjamin Butterfield . . . . .   | 28             | 8     | 1              | 13    | 2              | 12    |
| Stephen Powers . . . . .   | 1              | 9     | 3              | 2     | 4              | 2     |
| Col <sup>o</sup> Stoddard . . . . .  | 2              | 9     | 13             | 2     | 6              | 1     |
| the Same . . . . .   | 4              | 9     | 15             | 11    | 12             | 11    |
| John Varnum Esq <sup>r</sup> . . . . .   | 3              | 9     | 10             | 11    | 18             | 13    |
| William Blodget . . . . .  | 15             | 9     | 20             | 11    | 24             | 11    |
| Theodore Atkinson Esq <sup>r</sup> . . . . .   | 6              | 9     | 5              | 12    | 6              | 12    |
| Rebecca Blanchard . . . . .  | 7              | 9     | 3              | 12    | 12             | 12    |
| Samuel Stevens . . . . .   | 8              | 9     | 13             | 12    | 14             | 12    |



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|--|----------------|-------|----------------|-------|----------------|-------|
| Thomas Reed Esq <sup>r</sup> . . . .   | 9              | 9     | 7              | 11    | 8              | 11    |
| Col <sup>o</sup> Stoddard . . . .  | 10             | 9     | 3              | 11    | 4              | 11    |
| Samuel Moffatt . . . .   | 11             | 9     | 2              | 11    | 16             | 3     |
| James Dun . . . .  | 12             | 9     | 4              | 12    | 6              | 14    |
| heirs of Joth <sup>m</sup> Odiorne Esq <sup>r</sup> . . . .                              | 13             | 9     | 24             | 12    | 12             | 13    |
| Sampson Stoddard jun <sup>r</sup> . . . .  | 14             | 9     | 13             | 5     | 1              | 12    |
| allow <sup>d</sup> for Building mills to be }<br>Dispos'd off by the Grantees }          | 5              | 9     | 13             | 11    | 16             | 11    |
| Benjamin Hoar . . . .  | 14             | 2     | 9              | 3     | 10             | 3     |
| John Tufton Mason Esq <sup>ur</sup> . . . .  | 17             | 9     | 1              | 11    | 25             | 11    |
| Matthew Thornton Esq <sup>r</sup> . . . .  | 18             | 9     | 7              | 12    | 2              | 13    |
| Sampson Stoddard Jun <sup>r</sup> . . . .  | 19             | 9     | 22             | 12    | 21             | 12    |
| Col <sup>o</sup> Stoddard . . . .  | 20             | 9     | 18             | 1     | 22             | 1     |
| Matthew Thornton Esq <sup>r</sup> . . . .  | 21             | 9     | 27             | 9     | 28             | 9     |
| Ephraim Spaulding Esq <sup>r</sup> . . . .   | 1              | 6     | 5              | 4     | 2              | 2     |
| John Varnum Esq <sup>r</sup> . . . .   | 2              | 6     | 5              | 1     | 4              | 1     |
| Matthew Thornton Esq <sup>r</sup> . . . .  | 3              | 6     | 19             | 0     | 21             | 0     |
| the Same . . . .   | 4              | 6     | 26             | 5     | 27             | 5     |
| Daniel Peirce Esq <sup>r</sup> & the }<br>heirs of Mary Moor }                           | 5              | 6     | 27             | 4     | 15             | 4     |
| Hugh Willson . . . .   | 6              | 6     | 16             | 4     | 12             | 4     |
| Thomas Reed Jun <sup>r</sup> . . . .   | 7              | 6     | 16             | 2     | 22             | 2     |
| Col <sup>o</sup> Stoddard . . . .  | 8              | 6     | 16             | 0     | 21             | 1     |
| the Same . . . .   | 9              | 6     | 28             | 5     | 28             | 4     |
| heirs of Jn <sup>o</sup> Wentworth Esq <sup>r</sup> . . . .                              | 10             | 6     | 26             | 6     | 27             | 6     |
| John Chamberlain . . . .   | 11             | 6     | 28             | 6     | 21             | 10    |
| Joseph Spaulding . . . .   | 12             | 6     | 24             | 10    | 25             | 10    |
| John Varnum Esq <sup>r</sup> . . . .   | 13             | 6     | 22             | 10    | 26             | 10    |
| Vryling Stoddard . . . .   | 15             | 6     | 16             | 12    | 11             | 13    |
| for the School . . . .   | 14             | 6     | 26             | 11    | 27             | 11    |
| Vryling Stoddard . . . .   | 16             | 6     | 9              | 13    | 10             | 13    |
| heirs of Nath <sup>l</sup> Richardson . . . .  | 17             | 6     | 3              | 13    | 1              | 14    |
| Rebecca Blanchard . . . .  | 18             | 6     | 13             | 13    | 14             | 13    |
| Col <sup>o</sup> Stoddard . . . .  | 19             | 6     | 15             | 13    | 17             | 13    |
| Rebecca Blanchard . . . .  | 20             | 6     | 25             | 6     | 12             | 0     |
| Thomas Reed Jun <sup>r</sup> . . . .   | 21             | 6     | 22             | 0     | 25             | 1     |
| Col <sup>o</sup> Stoddard . . . .  | 22             | 6     | 14             | 1     | 15             | 1     |
| Wid <sup>o</sup> Mary Parker of Litchfield . . . .                                       | 23             | 6     | 6              | 2     | 21             | 2     |
| Col <sup>o</sup> Stoddard . . . .  | 24             | 6     | 27             | 2     | 28             | 2     |
| Clement March Esq <sup>r</sup> &c }<br>Hancock & Lynds }                                 | 1              | 5     | 1              | 10    | 2              | 10    |
| Roland Cotton . . . .  | 2              | 5     | 10             | 10    | 3              | 14    |
| Wid <sup>o</sup> Mary Parker of Litchfield . . . .                                       | 3              | 5     | 7              | 10    | 11             | 3     |
| Hugh Willson . . . .   | 4              | 5     | 5              | 14    | 8              | 10    |
| John Varnum Esq <sup>ur</sup> . . . .  | 5              | 5     | 20             | 12    | 10             | 12    |
| heirs of R. Wibird Esq <sup>r</sup> . . . .  | 6              | 5     | 3              | 10    | 4              | 10    |

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|--|----------------|-------|----------------|-------|----------------|-------|
| George Jaffrey Esq <sup>r</sup> . . . .  | 7              | 5     | 7              | 14    | 15             | 12    |
| Roland Cotton . . . .  | 8              | 5     | 9              | 10    | 23             | 10    |
| Col <sup>o</sup> Stoddard . . . .  | 9              | 5     | 5              | 10    | 28             | 10    |
| Nath <sup>l</sup> Cotton . . . .   | 10             | 5     | 20             | 10    | 23             | 12    |
| the same . . . .   | 11             | 5     | 22             | 9     | 14             | 10    |
| Col <sup>o</sup> Stoddard . . . .  | 12             | 5     | 25             | 9     | 27             | 10    |
| heirs of N. Richardson . . . .   | 2              | 14    | 23             | 9     | 26             | 9     |
| Josiah Willard Esq <sup>r</sup> . . . .  | 14             | 5     | 13             | 0     | 9              | 0     |
| Col <sup>o</sup> Stoddard . . . .  | 15             | 5     | 13             | 10    | 19             | 10    |
| the same . . . .   | 16             | 5     | 8              | 1     | 3              | 1     |
| Matthew Thornton Esq <sup>ur</sup> . . . .   | 11             | 11    | 21             | 13    | 11             | 2     |
| John Varnum Esq <sup>ur</sup> . . . .  | 7              | 3     | 19             | 13    | 10             | 0     |
| Reuben Kidder Esq <sup>ur</sup> . . . .  | 12             | 10    | 20             | 13    | 8              | 14    |
| Rebecca Blanchard . . . .  | 18             | 3     | 19             | 3     | 28             | 3     |
| the same . . . .   | 21             | 3     | 19             | 2     | 22             | 13    |
| the same . . . .   | 20             | 3     | 20             | 2     | 23             | 13    |
| the same . . . .   | 26             | 3     | 11             | 1     | 25             | 3     |
| the same . . . .   | 27             | 3     | 28             | 1     | 28             | 0     |
| the Same . . . .   | 15             | 2     | 4              | 14    | 11             | 0     |
| Rebecca Blanchard & }<br>John Varnum Esq <sup>ur</sup> }                                 | 18             | 0     | 7              | 1     | 27             | 00    |

October 9<sup>th</sup> 1767 this Schedule Exhibited ☞

Sampson Stoddard  
Jon<sup>a</sup> Blanchard

Filed & Accepted ☞ y<sup>e</sup> Grantors

attest. Geo: Jaffrey Prop<sup>rs</sup> Cl

[*Regrant of Stoddard, 1767.*]

[Masonian Proprietors' Records, Nov. 4, 1767.]

Province of ) Portsmouth November 4<sup>th</sup> 1767 Wednesday five of  
New Hampsh<sup>r</sup> } the Clock afternoon, at the dwelling house of James  
Stoodly Esq<sup>r</sup> Innholder The Proprietors meet according to adjourn-  
ment—

Whereas the said Proprietors on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of December 1751,  
Authoriz'd & Impowered Joseph Blanchard late of Dunstable in said  
Province Esq<sup>r</sup> Deceas'd to Grant their Right, Title & Interest in & to  
the Lands within their Claim to such Persons as would Engage to



settle & Improve the same under such Limitations as were just & Reasonable—Pursuant to which Power on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of May 1752 he granted to Sampson Stoddard, Thomas Parker, Thomas Read, & divers others making in the whole One hundred & Eight Shares “all the Right, Title & Demand of said Proprietors, of in & unto that Tract of Land called Menadnock N<sup>o</sup> Seven in said Province, Containing Six Miles, two hundred & Ninety Rod Square or thereabouts bounded Southerly on the Township called Menadnock Number Six Westerly on the Line called the Patent Line, Elsewhere on unappropriated Lands of the Grantors beginning at the North West Corner of Number Six aforesaid, at the aforesaid Patent Line from thence running Northerly by said Patent Line Seven Miles to a stake & Stones, from thence South Eighty Degrees East Seven Miles to a Beech tree marked, from thence South twenty One Degrees West, two Miles to a Stake & Stones, from thence South fifteen Deg: West, five miles to a Stake in a Pond called Rye Pond in the Line of Number Six aforesaid from thence North Eighty Deg: West Seven Miles by said Number Six to the first bounds Mentioned”—

To have & to hold to them, their Heirs & Assigns in Several & Distinct Shares, on the Terms & Conditions in said Grant Express'd with a right of Re Entry reserv'd for the Grantors on the Shares or parts of those who should fail of Performing the Conditions Limited as aforesaid, all which may at large appear by Reference to said Grant—And whereas the said Grantees have forfeited their Respective Shares by not Settling & Complying with the Terms & Conditions Limited & agreed to by them as aforesaid, & tho' no Advantage of such Forfeiture has been taken against any of them heretofore, & they have been Indulged with a further time than was Originally Stipulated, of which they ought to have availed themselves, but in that they have also failed, Whereupon the Grantors have Re-entered & resumed the Right and Possession of said Tract of Land & the said Grantees acknowledging their Neglect & Default herein, the Right of Resumption aforesaid, & having Peaceably Surrendered the same, have Petitioned the said Proprietors to make a new Grant thereof to the Petitioners who are mostly the former Grantees, all which having been duly Consider'd, and also that many of the said Shares are in some Degree fitted & Prepared for settlement & that under such Circumstances it would be more Equitable that those who have taken any Steps toward Settling said Shares should have the Advantage of their own Care & Labour rather than Strangers, Therefore Voted That all the Right, Title, Interest, Claim, Property and Demand of the Said Proprietors of in & unto the aforesaid Tract of Land called Menadnock Number Seven, bounded as aforesaid, be & hereby is

Granted to Col<sup>o</sup> Sampson Stoddard Esq<sup>r</sup>, Ebenezer Peirce, John Chamberlain & others, whose Names are Mentioned in the Schedule or List hereunto annexed, in the Proportion therein Mention'd making twenty Seven in the whole, on the Terms, Conditions, and Limitations hereafter mentioned To have and to hold to them, their Heirs & Assigns in Severalty as the same has been Divided into Seperate Lots & as the said Lots are numbered & set to the respective Names in said Schedule, on the following Terms, Conditions and Limitations, First that Seventeen of the shares as the same are Severed, allotted, & Divided, Numbered & fixed to the several Names, be & hereby is reserved to the use of the Grantors their Heirs & Assigns free & Exempted of & from all Charges of Settlement & all other Charges untill Improved by them, their Heirs & Assigns—Secondly that three of the aforesaid shares be & hereby are appropriated, One for the first Minister of the Gospel who shall be settled in said Township, one for use of the Ministry, & one for the use of a School there forever—Thirdly, that the remaining Shares be and hereby are Granted & appropriated to the Several Person's & Sever'd to them respectively their Heirs & Assigns as mention'd & Number'd in said Schedule, and each Lot of Land in said Tract shall be Subject to have Necessary High Ways laid thro' them as there shall be Occasion. free from the Charge of paying for the Land, laid out as an High Way untill an Incorporation & then to come under the Regulation of the Law in that Regard—Fourthly that the Grantees aforesaid who are Subject to the Duty of Settlement build Fifty houses on said Tract of Land, such Shares to have one House on one of the Lots belonging to it Respectively as the Grantees shall Determine by regular Votes, according to their Interests, within two Years from the Date hereof, each house to be built so as to have one Room, Sixteen feet Square or Equal thereto, and also have twelve Acres of Land cleared & fitted for Tillage, Mowing & Pasturage within the Term of two Years, and to add one Acre more annually, (till the Inhabitants there shall be Incorporated) on each Share the said Houses to be well fitted & made Comfortable Habitations, & the said Land to be Cleared in a good Husbandmanlike Manner, and Every Particular Grantee aforesaid shall pay his due proportion of all Taxes necessary to the Making said Settlement in the Articles aforesaid & in what follows on Pain of forfeiting his Right in said Land or so much thereof as shall answer his Proportion of such Taxes to be dispos'd of by a Committee to be Chosen by a Major part of the Grantees appointed for that Purpose.—

Fifthly, the said Grantees shall build a Meeting house for Public Worship within four Years from the Date hereof & shall maintain constant Preaching in such House after four Years from the Date hereof.



Sixthly all White Pine trees, growing on any part of said Land, tho' sever'd into Lots, are hereby reserv'd, that are fit for his Majesty's use for that Purpose, to him, his Heirs & Successors.—

Seventhly if the Grantees shall fail & make Default of Compleating the Settlement in Manner & form aforesaid it shall be Lawfull to & for the said Proprietors & their Successors to re-enter into & upon the said Premises, to resume their Right & Possession & become again Seized thereof, as in their former Estate, and as if this Grant had not been Made—

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[*Account of Settlements in Stoddard, 1770.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 134.]

monadnock N<sup>o</sup> Seven Called Limbrick

first Right )

Dra<sup>n</sup> by { Stodard Esq<sup>r</sup>: L: n<sup>o</sup> 12: R: 11<sup>th</sup> by Lee Improved.—

Going on

by Stodard Esq<sup>r</sup>: L: 9: R: 6: Settled by Scott and Improves 9  
in the 7<sup>th</sup> Range Duty Don

by Stodard Esq<sup>r</sup>: L: 8: R: 6: Settled by Gilchrist Singel man  
Daniel Peirce Esq<sup>r</sup> L: 5: R: 6: by morrison Well Improved & Going  
on

by Varnum Esq<sup>r</sup>: L: 26: R: 10: Settled by Warlton—Duty  
Don

by Stodard Esq<sup>r</sup>: L: 25: R 9: Settled by Richardson Richard

by Stodard Esq<sup>r</sup> L. 23: R 9 by Richardson Nath<sup>el</sup> Improved

Jacob Reed L: 7: R 6: by Reed Improved.—Going on

Ebenezer peirce L: 24: R 9: by Swan William Improved. Going  
on

Roling Cotton L: 23: R 8: by Swan William Improved

by Thornton Esq<sup>r</sup> L 3: R 6: by mitchel James Improved.

Going on

Thomas parker L 3: R 5: by mitchel William Improved. Going  
on

by Spaulding L 25: R 10: by Spaulding Improved

by Reed L: 16: R: 7 by Reed Improved

by Wright L 14: R 7 by Wright Improved

by Stodard Esq<sup>r</sup> L 16: R 9 by Butterfield Cap<sup>t</sup> Improved

by Stodard Esq<sup>r</sup> L 17: R 10 by Butterfield amos Improved

by Stodard Esq<sup>r</sup> L 17: R 11 by Putnam Improved

by Stodard Esq<sup>r</sup> L 16: R 8 Settled by Taggart for Stodard  
Duty Don

by Dun L 4: R 7 by Dun Improved. Going on  
 by Thornton Esq<sup>r</sup> L 21: R 9 Settled by Cannada Singel man  
 Roling Cotton L 2: R 5 Settled by Bartlett  
 by Cotton L 20: R 10 by Hildech Improved  
 by Stodard Esq<sup>r</sup> L 27: R 10 by Scott William Improved.  
 Going on

by Stodard Esq<sup>r</sup> L 7: R 7 by mitchel Samuel Improved. Going on  
 by Cap<sup>t</sup> Benjamin Hoar one Right the present oner William Wil-  
 son Kild or Captivated in the War the taxes paid by Robart Wilson  
 Who Saith he Will Do y<sup>e</sup> Duty a True acompt of all the Settlements  
 Err<sup>s</sup> Excep<sup>d</sup> per

April 24<sup>th</sup> 1770

Enoch Hale

It appeareth that y<sup>e</sup> Curve Line When Run between marlo and  
 Limbrick Cut of from marlo four famil<sup>s</sup> viz Church marther Tubs  
 and Backwith—

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[*Enoch Hale to George Jaffrey, 1770.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 8, p. 6.]

Sir at Least What I have Sent to your Hon<sup>r</sup> in Regard To those  
 People that Wintered in monadnock N<sup>o</sup> Seven Should miscary I Now  
 Rite in Grate haste having an oppertunaty to Send Direct those that  
 Wintered in N<sup>o</sup> 7 Called Limrick is Taggart Richardson Warton &  
 Bartlett I Would also Inform that y<sup>e</sup> Grate Number of Lotts That  
 Was Returned Improved many of them are not under proper Improve-  
 ment by Grase or Grane or fence but onley Sum Small peaces Choped  
 Down With a Camp on y<sup>e</sup> Same but those that have more Don may  
 be Known by What is Sed in y<sup>e</sup> Return at y<sup>e</sup> Eand of Sundry Knames  
 Going on &C Sir if you Nead my further Information I am Ready to  
 Serve I Shall be Down by September Court if nothing provent—

I am Sir y<sup>r</sup> most obed<sup>t</sup> and Humble Servent

monadnock N<sup>o</sup> Two June 15<sup>th</sup> 1770

Enoch Hale

To y<sup>e</sup> Honourable George Jaffrey Esq<sup>r</sup> In Portsmouth

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[*Settlers and Improvements, 1770.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 8, p. 7.]

An acc<sup>t</sup> of y<sup>e</sup> Settlers at Limrick alies Monadnock N<sup>o</sup> 7 as Taken by



their Committee at s<sup>d</sup> Limrick this 22<sup>d</sup> Day of Sept<sup>r</sup> A : D : 1770. as follows : (viz).—

1<sup>t</sup> Jn<sup>o</sup> Gillchrist on y<sup>e</sup> 1<sup>t</sup> Lot In the 4<sup>th</sup> Range  
 2<sup>d</sup> Nathaniel Bartlet on y<sup>e</sup> 2<sup>d</sup> Lot In y<sup>e</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> Range  
 Zebadiah Keys on y<sup>e</sup> 1<sup>t</sup> Lot In the 5<sup>th</sup> Range  
 James Mitchel on y<sup>e</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> Lot in y<sup>e</sup> 5 Range—  
 Abraham Morrison on y<sup>e</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> Lot in y<sup>e</sup> 6<sup>th</sup> Range  
 Thomas Read on y<sup>e</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> Lot in y<sup>e</sup> 6<sup>th</sup> Range—  
 W<sup>m</sup> Gillchrist on y<sup>e</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> Lot in y<sup>e</sup> 6<sup>th</sup> Range  
 Allexcander Scott on y<sup>e</sup> 9<sup>th</sup> Lott in y<sup>e</sup> 6 Range  
 James Scot on y<sup>e</sup> 9<sup>th</sup> Lot in the 5<sup>th</sup> Rang—  
 Peter Edes on y<sup>e</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> Lot In 7<sup>th</sup> Range—  
 James McDanills on y<sup>e</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> Lot in y<sup>e</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> Range.  
 John Rob on y<sup>e</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> Lot In y<sup>e</sup> Eighth Range  
 Silas Wright on y<sup>e</sup> 15<sup>th</sup> Lot in y<sup>e</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> Range  
 Jos : Read on y<sup>e</sup> 16<sup>th</sup> in y<sup>e</sup> Seventh Range  
 Jn<sup>o</sup> Taggard ; on y<sup>e</sup> 16<sup>th</sup> in y<sup>e</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> Range  
 Jn<sup>o</sup> Cannada ; on y<sup>e</sup> 21<sup>t</sup> in y<sup>e</sup> In the 9<sup>th</sup> Range  
 W<sup>m</sup> Swann, on y<sup>e</sup> 24<sup>th</sup> In y<sup>e</sup> 9<sup>th</sup>—  
 Richard Richardson, on y<sup>e</sup> 25<sup>th</sup> In y<sup>e</sup> 9<sup>th</sup>  
 Reuben Walton, on the 26<sup>th</sup> In y<sup>e</sup> 10<sup>th</sup>—  
 W<sup>m</sup> Mitchel, on the 3<sup>d</sup> Lot in y<sup>e</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> Range  
 W<sup>m</sup> Swann, on y<sup>e</sup> 23<sup>d</sup> on the Eighth  
 Silas Wright, on the 15<sup>th</sup> Lot in y<sup>e</sup> 6<sup>th</sup> Range  
 Amaziah Hildreth, on y<sup>e</sup> 20<sup>th</sup> Lot in the 10<sup>th</sup> Range.  
 Samuel Stevens, on y<sup>e</sup> 15<sup>th</sup> in y<sup>e</sup> 9<sup>th</sup> Range.  
 Benjamin Dunn, on y<sup>e</sup> 12<sup>th</sup> Lot In the 9<sup>th</sup> Range.  
 James Dunn, on y<sup>e</sup> 3<sup>d</sup> Lot on y<sup>e</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> Range.

Oliver Parker, on y<sup>e</sup> 16<sup>th</sup> Lot In y<sup>e</sup> 10<sup>th</sup> Range. }  
 Oliver Parker, on y<sup>e</sup> 15<sup>th</sup> Lot on y<sup>e</sup> 10<sup>th</sup> Range }  
 40 Acres }

Amos Butterfield on y<sup>e</sup> 17<sup>th</sup> Lot on y<sup>e</sup> 10<sup>th</sup> Range  
 Jn<sup>o</sup> Taggard on y<sup>e</sup> 22<sup>d</sup> Lot in y<sup>e</sup> 9<sup>th</sup> Range.  
 Arkelas Putnam on y<sup>e</sup> 17<sup>th</sup> Lot in y<sup>e</sup> 11<sup>th</sup> Range  
 Jonathan Bennit on y<sup>e</sup> 14<sup>th</sup> Lot on y<sup>e</sup> 11<sup>th</sup> Range  
 Tho<sup>s</sup> Lee on y<sup>e</sup> 12<sup>th</sup> Lot in y<sup>e</sup> 11<sup>th</sup> Range  
 Jos : Dodge, on y<sup>e</sup> 11<sup>th</sup> Lot in the 10<sup>th</sup> Range  
 Jos : Dodge Jun<sup>r</sup> on y<sup>e</sup> 11<sup>th</sup> Lot in y<sup>e</sup> 11<sup>th</sup> Range  
 Jerathmeal Powers, on y<sup>e</sup> 20<sup>th</sup> Lot in y<sup>e</sup> 13<sup>th</sup> Range  
 Stephen & Moses Bennit, on y<sup>e</sup> Lot in y<sup>e</sup> Range  
 Runiels McCullestor on y<sup>e</sup> 2<sup>d</sup> Lot in y<sup>e</sup> 9<sup>th</sup> Range  
 Edmond Tayler on y<sup>e</sup> 3<sup>d</sup> Lot in y<sup>e</sup> 9<sup>th</sup> Range

Aseph Mather  
 Titus Church  
     conveyed to Matson  
 Joseph Tubs  
 Freddrick Tubs  
 Jn<sup>o</sup> Noyce Mather  
 Ephr<sup>m</sup> BrockWorth  
 Samuel Comstock  
 Timothy owing  
 Selvenus Beckworth

} the Last Mentioned nine are on the West-  
 erly Side of sd Town Neare the Pattent  
 Line all Well Settled.—

one Walton Setled on the North Easterly Corner of s<sup>d</sup> Town (Since  
 by him Conveyed to one Tayler)

John M<sup>c</sup>Daniel, on y<sup>e</sup> Lot in y<sup>e</sup> Range  
 Sam<sup>l</sup> Stevens Jun<sup>r</sup> on y<sup>e</sup> 15<sup>th</sup> Lot in y<sup>e</sup> 9<sup>th</sup> Range  
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 Titus Church on y<sup>e</sup> 21<sup>t</sup> Lot in y<sup>e</sup> 13<sup>th</sup> Range—

A Copy Tacken from the Committee of Manadnock N<sup>o</sup> 7: acc<sup>t</sup> of  
 the Settlers there

Examined Ⓕ

John Varnum Propriators Clerk

Dracutt april 27<sup>th</sup> 1771.

[*Dates of Certain Settlements, 1771.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 8, p. 8.]

Mr. gohn taggard came in 1769 with a family

Amos Butterfeld came in June 1770 a hous and Some land cled

titus Curch came in 1770 I know not how much land clerd

Reuban walton came in 1769

Richard Richardson came 1769

Alexander Scott came 1769

Abraham morison came 1770

James michchel came 1770

} these have houses and well  
 toward twelve acurs cleared up  
 and improved apice in monad-  
 nock N<sup>o</sup> 7 or Limbrick

I went myself in 1770 and have 4 acurs improved and near 10 more  
 cut down on y<sup>e</sup> 17<sup>th</sup> lot in y<sup>e</sup> 11<sup>th</sup> rang. Archelaus Putnam

Amos Butterfelds lot is y<sup>e</sup> 17<sup>th</sup> in y<sup>e</sup> 10<sup>th</sup> rang

John taggards is y<sup>e</sup> 16<sup>th</sup> in y<sup>e</sup> 9<sup>th</sup>, if I mistake not this is a true  
 minet of N<sup>o</sup> 7 only about 3 or 4 Scingle men

Manadnock n<sup>o</sup> 7—This mem<sup>o</sup> given by Archelaus Putnam Jan<sup>y</sup> 29<sup>th</sup>  
 1771—



[*Petition of William Matson, 1771.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 8, p. 9.]

Province of New Hampshire } To The Honourable Proprietors of Mason's  
 } Patent (so Called).—

The Petitioner William Matson of Lyme in the County of New London and Colony of Connecticut

Humbly Shews. That several Years ago your honours made a Grant of a Certain Tract of Land in said Patent, by the name of Monadnock Number Seven, to Coll<sup>o</sup> Sampson Stoddard and others his Associates, That the time limited in said Grant has been some time Elapsed, and the Conditions thereof in no way Complied with, and Consequently said Land Reverts to your honours the Grantors as Forfeited.—

Wherefore your Petitioner Earnestly Prays your honours to make a Grant of the same Land to him and his Associates upon such Conditions as to your honors in your Wisdom shall Think most Expedient—And your Petitioner will Ever Pray &c—

Portsmouth April 19<sup>th</sup> 1771.—

William Matson

I will Engage to Settle Thirty Families on said Land within three years. Ten of which shall be moved on Immediately after the Grant is made.—

William Matson

[*Report of Committee on Roads and Settlements, 1771.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 8, p. 10.]

Limrick August 1<sup>t</sup> 1771.—

Honored S<sup>r</sup>—

After Compliments &c.—At the Request of y<sup>e</sup> Grantees of Manadnock N<sup>o</sup>: 7 We Set out for this place y<sup>e</sup> 25<sup>th</sup> of July Last To View y<sup>e</sup> Situation and Circumstances of y<sup>e</sup> Settlements & Roads in this Town. & to Examin into y<sup>e</sup> Necessity & Conveniency of Laying out any more or Further Roads here for the Benefit of the publick. Notwithstanding y<sup>e</sup> Extreem Heat We arived on y<sup>e</sup> 26<sup>th</sup> aplyed Closly to Business vewed the New Road that We Laid out Last fall from the Great Road In Limrick Called King Street (which We then Laid) through the South Easter Corner of Limrick and in the Land Called Society Lands around the Great and Difcult mountain Called Roleston mountain and found the Same to be an Excellent Road When

Compared With that that Went over the Top of s<sup>d</sup> Mountain & also found that Mitchel whom We Hired to Cut s<sup>d</sup> Road had Cleared the Same much Better then We Expected, We accepted Said Road & paid mitchel to Content for his Cleareing S<sup>d</sup> Road (found that he had acted upon Honer therein) beleve that about Forty or Fifty Dollars more Laid out In Bridging and Causseing S<sup>d</sup> Road Will make it an Excellent Traviling Road and Will Remove the Great Dificulty of the Grand Role Stone Intirely out of Sight, whose Height Seemed almost to Reach the Clouds & hath been a Great Imbarrisment to y<sup>e</sup> Settlements whose Inhabitants was obliged (as our Roads Lay Before We Serched out & Cut this New Road) To ascend With panting & Descend with Trembling the Mighty Loft of Roleston Which hath been Constantly asserted Could not be avoided. We have also viewed the Road by us Laid out In September Last from the Center of Manadnock N<sup>o</sup>: 7 Towards Keen Which S<sup>d</sup> Road Leads out Near the South West Corner of N<sup>o</sup>: 7: & Extends through the North Westerly part of N<sup>o</sup>: 6: & through part of Gilson & thenc to Keen and is an Exceeding Good Road & Runs through a Tract of Excellant Good Land We have Caused the Same to be Exceeding Well Cut till it Comes to y<sup>e</sup> South Borders of our s<sup>d</sup> Town. We applyed to y<sup>e</sup> Inhabitants of N<sup>o</sup>: 6 to be So Kind as to open that part of s<sup>d</sup> Road that Leads through s<sup>d</sup> N<sup>o</sup>: 6: but Without Success! Have therefore Contracted With M<sup>r</sup> Jos: Dodge one of our Settler to Cut y<sup>e</sup> Same through S<sup>d</sup> N<sup>o</sup>: 6: at y<sup>e</sup> Expençe of y<sup>e</sup> Grantees of N<sup>o</sup> 7. As We have been allways Generously Leading the Way In opening & Clearing Roads in this Wilderness for the publick Utility We Resolved Not to Scringe in So Noble a Work—: & as the Same Was Left With us to manage & Determin for S<sup>d</sup> Grantees. We aplyed to y<sup>e</sup> Inhabitants of Gilson & Keen To open a Road through their Respective Town In y<sup>e</sup> Best Way and Maner for the Good of the publick til it Cums to y<sup>e</sup> Great Road that Leads to y<sup>e</sup> Center of Keen & they Generously promis to meet With us With pleasure In the best Way and maner Imagineing That it Will be a Great Road & that it Will be Greatly Servicable to y<sup>e</sup> publick. We also Laid out a Road from the Northerly part of s<sup>d</sup> Limrick (viz) from the Road Called Marlow Road to s<sup>d</sup> Road that Leasd to Keen Which S<sup>d</sup> Road Extends about Two miles Through a Beautyfull Tract of Land in S<sup>d</sup> Limrick Which s<sup>d</sup> Last mentioned Road We Called Beautifull Street & have Contracted With m<sup>r</sup> Dodge to Cleare the same in the Best Way and maner at y<sup>e</sup> Cost of s<sup>d</sup> Grantees: Which s<sup>d</sup> street Will Greatly accomidate Camden and Marlow & all to y<sup>e</sup> Northward as Well as our own Inhabitants.—We have the Roads (tho at Great Expençe) So Well Calculated and Cut that Invy it Selfe must Stop her mouth & one that We have out Stript all



that have Gone before us in the new plantations In Cleareing Roads for the Good of the publick : The Inhabitants of Keen and Gillsom Rejoyce in our progress and prospect of prosperity :—Some of our Neighbors Envy us and are Constantly Spreading Evil Repors & Say that y<sup>e</sup> Grantors are Determined to oust us & have promist the Town to others &c. And by that means have Discoraged many : But Notwithstanding the adversarys Craft We find We have the following Settlers now In the Town & are at Labour In Bringing forward Settlements therein : (excepting Some that are Gon out of Town for provisions Which are Returning without Delay) : as Follows (viz) James Mitchel on the 3<sup>d</sup> Lot in the 5<sup>th</sup> Range With his Wife and family—

W<sup>m</sup> Mitchel on the 2<sup>d</sup> Lot in 4<sup>th</sup> Range : a yung man

Sam<sup>l</sup> Morroson on y<sup>e</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> Lot in y<sup>e</sup> 6<sup>th</sup> Range With a Family

Tho<sup>s</sup> Read on y<sup>e</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> in the Sixth (a yung man)—

Jn<sup>o</sup> Robb on y<sup>e</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> in y<sup>e</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> Soposed to be a Good Settler

David Scott on y<sup>e</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> in y<sup>e</sup> 6<sup>th</sup> a Frame House Called a Nottable Setler

Allexander Scott on y<sup>e</sup> 9<sup>th</sup> in y<sup>e</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> With his Wife & Family (a Larg Field of Rie & a good Garden

James Scott on y<sup>e</sup> 9<sup>th</sup> in y<sup>e</sup> 6<sup>th</sup> a yung man With a Good field of Rie &c

Jn<sup>o</sup> Taggard on y<sup>e</sup> 16<sup>th</sup> in y<sup>e</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> a old Setler With his Wife & Family Rie Hay & Grass plenty

W<sup>m</sup> Coughrin on the 21<sup>t</sup> In the 9<sup>th</sup> a Family Going on Spedily—

W<sup>m</sup> Swan on y<sup>e</sup> 24<sup>th</sup> in the 9<sup>th</sup> his Wif & Family a Great Settler (in a frame House)

Richard Richardson on y<sup>e</sup> 25<sup>th</sup> in y<sup>e</sup> 9 With his Wife and family a Frame House

John Spaulding on the 25<sup>th</sup> in the 10<sup>th</sup>

Reuben Walton on the 26<sup>th</sup> in y<sup>e</sup> 10<sup>th</sup> With his Wife & Family

W<sup>m</sup> Scot on 27<sup>th</sup> in y<sup>e</sup> 10<sup>th</sup> Duty Done but In part y<sup>e</sup> Timber is Cut for a Frame

Abr<sup>m</sup> Morrison on the 6<sup>th</sup> in y<sup>e</sup> 6<sup>th</sup> hath Cleared ab<sup>t</sup> 6 acre hath Timber Cut for a Fram House

Cap<sup>t</sup> Jos : Read on y<sup>e</sup> 16<sup>th</sup> in y<sup>e</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> hath a Large Field of Rie—

m<sup>r</sup> Silas Wright on y<sup>e</sup> 15<sup>th</sup> in y<sup>e</sup> Seventh Withe His family

Joel Wright y<sup>e</sup> Miller on y<sup>e</sup> 15<sup>th</sup> in y<sup>e</sup> 6<sup>th</sup> bath a Good Mill Well Settled

Sam<sup>l</sup> Stevens on y<sup>e</sup> 16<sup>th</sup> In the 9<sup>th</sup> a House built 12 acres Cleared

Sam<sup>l</sup> Stevens Jun<sup>r</sup> on y<sup>e</sup> 15<sup>th</sup> in y<sup>e</sup> 9<sup>th</sup> a Small House Considerable Cleared a family Soon Expected

Amos Butterfield on y<sup>e</sup> 17<sup>th</sup> in y<sup>e</sup> 10<sup>th</sup> With his Wife and family—

Oliver Parker on y<sup>e</sup> 16<sup>th</sup> in y<sup>e</sup> 10<sup>th</sup> is Building a Large Frame House

the s<sup>d</sup> Oliver hath a man With him is Carrying on a Duty on y<sup>e</sup> 14<sup>th</sup> in y<sup>e</sup> 10<sup>th</sup> hath Cut ab<sup>t</sup> 40 acre

W<sup>m</sup> Kemp A yung man Carrying on a Duty on y<sup>e</sup> 15<sup>th</sup> in y<sup>e</sup> 10<sup>th</sup>

Arkiles Putnam on the 17<sup>th</sup> in y<sup>e</sup> 11<sup>th</sup> a Nottable Settler—

Aaron Bennit on y<sup>e</sup> 18<sup>th</sup> in y<sup>e</sup> 11<sup>th</sup> a Good Settler—

Simmeon Church on the 21<sup>t</sup> in the 12<sup>th</sup> a yung man a Stout Settler

Moses Bennit on y<sup>e</sup> 22<sup>d</sup> on y<sup>e</sup> 12<sup>th</sup> a Nottable Settler—

Titus Church on the 21<sup>t</sup> in y<sup>e</sup> 13<sup>th</sup> With his Wife and Family

Jerathmeel Powers on y<sup>e</sup> 22<sup>d</sup> in y<sup>e</sup> 13<sup>th</sup> his House Built his Wife & Family Expected Soon

Jn<sup>o</sup> Noys Mather With his Wife & Family near Marlow Line a Great Settler

the s<sup>d</sup> Jn<sup>o</sup> Noyce Mather is Cumpleating a 2<sup>d</sup> Settlement by a Hired man

one Church on a Lot Whereon y<sup>e</sup> Duty Was Done by his Brother

Jos: Tubs Near Marlow Line With his Wife & a Larg Family a Great Settler

Frederick Tubs Neare Marlow Line a House Built Considerable Cleard is about marrying

y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup> Jos: Tubs hath Done a Second Duty & Keeps up a Residency by his Family

Ephr<sup>m</sup> Brockway With his Wife & Family a Nottable Settler provisions plenty

the S<sup>d</sup> Ephr<sup>m</sup> hath allmost Cumpleated a Second Settlement

Sylvenious Beckwith With a Wife & Family a Good Settler

Sam<sup>l</sup> Comestock Near Gilsom a old Settler his Family Expected this Fall

Timothy Owing D<sup>o</sup>—

Jonathan Bennit on y<sup>e</sup> 14<sup>th</sup> in y<sup>e</sup> 11<sup>th</sup> a Nottable Settler

Benj<sup>a</sup> Dunn on the 12<sup>th</sup> in y<sup>e</sup> 9<sup>th</sup>—

Jos: Dodge on y<sup>e</sup> 11<sup>th</sup> in y<sup>e</sup> 10<sup>th</sup> Intends to have his family there verry Soon

Daniel Keys on y<sup>e</sup> 1<sup>t</sup> in y<sup>e</sup> 5<sup>th</sup>—

Silas Parker on y<sup>e</sup> 2<sup>d</sup> in y<sup>e</sup> 9<sup>th</sup> Intends to have his Family there this fall—

Sam<sup>l</sup> Parker on y<sup>e</sup> 4 In y<sup>e</sup> 9<sup>th</sup> Do—

S<sup>d</sup> Parkers Intends to Carry on a Settlement on y<sup>e</sup> 3<sup>d</sup> in y<sup>e</sup> 9<sup>th</sup> a House being Built thereon and Considerable Cleard

Jos: Tayler on y<sup>e</sup> 28<sup>th</sup> in y<sup>e</sup> 1<sup>t</sup> Large Settlements thereon With Wife & family

David Powers on y<sup>e</sup> 20<sup>th</sup> in y<sup>e</sup> 13<sup>th</sup> Considerable Work Done y<sup>e</sup> House a Building



Jos: Dodge Jun<sup>r</sup> on y<sup>e</sup> 11<sup>th</sup> in y<sup>e</sup> 11<sup>th</sup> the Cleareing fully Done  
y<sup>e</sup> House a Building

George Parkhurst y<sup>e</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> in y<sup>e</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> Considerable Cleareing Done  
y<sup>e</sup> House not Built

Jn<sup>o</sup> Varnum by Jos: Dodge hath Cleared more than 12 acres on  
y<sup>e</sup> 10<sup>th</sup> Lot in y<sup>e</sup> 11<sup>th</sup> the Hous to be Built by S<sup>d</sup> Dodge for s<sup>d</sup>  
Varnum

James Dunn hath Cleared about 5 acres on y<sup>e</sup> 3<sup>d</sup> Lot in y<sup>e</sup> 7<sup>th</sup>  
Range & hath built a small house thereon—

Edmen Tayler hath begun on the 2<sup>d</sup> in y<sup>e</sup> 6<sup>th</sup> Resolving to make a  
Settlement

Ammaziah Hildreth hath begun on y<sup>e</sup> 20<sup>th</sup> in y<sup>e</sup> Tenth no House  
Built there

Thus S<sup>r</sup> the Settlement Stand Here at present y<sup>e</sup> Settlers are In  
High Sperits Brisk & Gay & in Earnest in General to Earn their  
Living by Industry and Expect by y<sup>e</sup> Next year to Raise Bread  
Sofitiant for the Inhabitant They are Cuming Dayly to Settle here  
tho as in other New places them that Cum Without anything are  
Constantly on the move have Shifted Eight this viset We hope for  
y<sup>e</sup> bestt We Expect by the Last of Nov<sup>r</sup> Next to have more then the  
Whole of y<sup>e</sup> Duty Done We Imagine We have Near That Done now  
if it Could be equally Divided: We Doubt not but within Two years  
from this Date We Shall have a Hundred Familys Settled in this  
Town and that it Will make as Good an appearance as any of our  
Neighbour Towns. S<sup>r</sup> We Heartily Congratulate you With the  
Hopefull prospect of y<sup>e</sup> prosperity of this Town Wherein youre  
Intrest is So Considerable; & Are your Devoted Humble Serv<sup>ts</sup>

Jn<sup>o</sup> Varnum  
Samuel Stevens

To Col<sup>o</sup> Sampson Stoddard

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[*Col. Stoddard's Letter, 1771.*]

[*Masonian Papers, Vol. 8, p. 11.*]

Chelmsford Octo 2 1771

S<sup>r</sup>/ I intended before this time to have waited on The Gent<sup>l</sup> the  
Prop<sup>rs</sup> of masons Right to 'ave Given an acc<sup>t</sup> of the actual Settle-  
ments of the Grantees in Monad<sup>k</sup> N<sup>o</sup> 7—an unlucky accident has hap-  
pen'd that deprives me of that pleasure however in the Course of  
about a month or five weeks I design to make my Appearance before  
Your Lordships, & give an honest acc<sup>t</sup> (& which will be) of a very  
Considerable improvement in that Town—

You'll please to make my Complements to y<sup>e</sup> Prop<sup>rs</sup>; and Let them know that at my own Expen<sup>e</sup> and Agreeable to my promise made to them I have Caused the Eastern Boundaries of that Town to be made certain (saving small matter) which Cannot be Completed at this season of the Year by reason of the water, which the Surveyor made known to me in August last—You may depend upon my hon<sup>r</sup> that the same shall be perfected as soon as possible I am with my Complements to Your Lady (S<sup>r</sup>) Your very Humb<sup>l</sup> Serv<sup>t</sup>—

Sampson Stoddard

To the Hon<sup>bl</sup> George Jaffrey Esq<sup>r</sup> to be Communicated—

Oct<sup>r</sup> 23 1771. at y<sup>e</sup> Meeting y<sup>e</sup> prop<sup>rs</sup> direct that y<sup>e</sup> Clerk write to Coll<sup>o</sup> Stoddard to advise him that they will not delay reentering y<sup>e</sup> Township of N<sup>o</sup> 7 for not compliance w<sup>th</sup> y<sup>e</sup> Terms of y<sup>e</sup> Grant

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[*Petition of Ephraim Butterfield, 1771.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 8, p. 12.]

To the Hono<sup>ble</sup> Theodore Atkinson Esq<sup>r</sup> and the rest of the Noble Grantors of y<sup>e</sup> Masonian Lands in his Majestys Province of New Hampshire Greeting

The Memorial of Ephraim Butterfield of Wilton in the Province afores<sup>d</sup> humbly Sheweth That your Memorialist in the Year 1768 Undertook to Settle Two Lots of Land in a Township called Monadnock N<sup>o</sup> 7. One under Sam<sup>l</sup> Stevens of Chelmsford one of the original Grantees of s<sup>d</sup> N<sup>o</sup> 7 And one under Sam<sup>l</sup> Stevens Jun<sup>r</sup> and proceeded to do the Duty of Settlement on the Premises. But after Two Years when I had made considerable Improvement I requested a Title to the Lands but was refused and the Land taken from Me, together with my Labour under Pretence that I did not proceed fast enough in the Settlement, (which I leave to the better Information of Mr Jn<sup>o</sup> Tagart by whom I Send.). And altho. they dealt So hardly with me, yet the Settlement of s<sup>d</sup> Township is neglected, greatly to the Discouragement & Damage of the Settlers, who are but about 11 or 12 at most in Number, and are Some of them moving off wholly thro' the Neglect of the Proprietors or Grantees.—

And as it is in your Hon<sup>rs</sup> Power, Your Memorialist humbly begs to be put in a Way to obtain Some Redress And y<sup>r</sup> Memor<sup>st</sup> as in Duty bound Shall ever Pray.—

Wilton Octo<sup>r</sup> 9. 1771.

Ephraim Butterfield.



[*Letter from Col. Stoddard, 1771.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 8, p. 13.]

Chelmsford Octo: 23—1771

S<sup>r</sup>/ Y<sup>rs</sup> of the 16<sup>th</sup> instant is now before me wherein you mention one John Taggard's informing the Prop<sup>rs</sup> that he is very hardly us'd by the Grantees of menadnock N<sup>o</sup> 7—I have no doubt; but that whenever I see you shall have it in my power not only to convince you but all the Lord Prop<sup>rs</sup> that this man has no reason to Complain—I pray the indulgence of y<sup>r</sup> Lordships that you will not come to any Determination respecting this Township 'till I wait on you in person; which will be as quick as the peculiar Circumstances of my family will admit—I am determin'd at all hazards to give myself the pleasure (by the 11<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup> of next month) to appear, and bow the knee before y<sup>r</sup> Lodships at which time I am perswaded shall make it apparent that it will be in my power soon to compleat the Settlement of a very respectable Town—I am with my Compliments to the Prop<sup>rs</sup> (S<sup>r</sup>) your most obedient Humb<sup>l</sup> Serv<sup>t</sup>

Sampson Stoddard

To the Honor<sup>l</sup> George Jaffray Esq<sup>r</sup> to be communicated

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[*Certificate in Favor of John Taggart, 1771.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 8, p. 14.]

Octobr 28 1771

I Certify that Sampson Stoddart Esq<sup>r</sup> never wrote to me or any other way manifested his Desire to have me Stay Some Ex'cns in my Care ag<sup>t</sup> Jn<sup>o</sup> Taggart of Limerick—I further Certify that Said Taggart is Reputed to be an Industrious Settler &ca—

E Champney

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[*John Taggart's Complaint, 1771.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 8, p. 15.]

To the Hono<sup>ble</sup> Theodore Atkinson Esq<sup>r</sup> and the rest of the Worthy Grantors of the Masonian Lands in the Province of New Hampshire  
Greeting

The Complaint of John Taggart of Lymerick in the Province of New Hampshire humbly Sheweth

That your Complain<sup>t</sup> Some Time in the Year 1768 enterd into Covenant or Agreement with Sampson Stoddard Esq<sup>r</sup> of Chelmsford in the Province of the Massachusetts Bay to Settle and do the Duty of one Right in the s<sup>d</sup> Township of Lymerick; for which y<sup>r</sup> Complain<sup>t</sup> was to have his choice of Two Lotts of all the Lotts in s<sup>d</sup> Township. (the Masonian Grantors Lotts excepted.) And y<sup>r</sup> Complain<sup>t</sup> choose y<sup>e</sup> Lotts, N<sup>o</sup> 16 in y<sup>e</sup> 10 Range & N<sup>o</sup> 22 in y<sup>e</sup> 9. Range, and in a few Months after choice, s<sup>d</sup> Stoddard, Sold y<sup>e</sup> Lott N<sup>o</sup> 16 in y<sup>e</sup> 10 Range for 100. £ Silv<sup>r</sup> old Ten<sup>r</sup> And y<sup>r</sup> Complain<sup>t</sup> requested said Stoddard, to recompence me for the Lot he sold, with Qualifying other Lands; But he wholly refused doing any thing but my Pitching on Some one Lot not pitch'd on by others.

Further y<sup>r</sup> Complain<sup>t</sup> informs that at the Time of my entering into s<sup>d</sup> Town I was unable to build me a House and went to reside in a Cottage between the Lotts N<sup>o</sup> 15 & 16 in the 8 Range claim'd by s<sup>d</sup> Stoddard and s<sup>d</sup> Stoddard disinherited s<sup>d</sup> Bartlett and promised Me I Should have the Improvement of s<sup>d</sup> Farm or Two Lotts, during my Life Time and Accordingly have Spent my Labour on s<sup>d</sup> Farm for three Years past, and brought the Same to profit, but can git no Security—And many other Articles of Covenant too tedious to be related, are broken and not performed by s<sup>d</sup> Stoddard

Therefore y<sup>r</sup> Complain<sup>t</sup> Prays that y<sup>r</sup> Hon<sup>rs</sup> would put me in Some Way or Method to procure a Title to s<sup>d</sup> Two Lots I first pitchd on and also pay for my Labour on the Farm so call'd or a Title to the Same, and y<sup>r</sup> Complain<sup>t</sup> as in Duty bound Shall ever pray.—

Lymerick Octo<sup>r</sup> 29 1771.

John Taggart.



[*Neal's Report on Settlements, 1771.*][*Masonian Papers, Vol. 8, p. 16.*]

Manadnock N<sup>o</sup> 7 or Limbrick the aco<sup>nt</sup> of the Satlers Houses Barns  
Stocks Lands under Improvement & Trees Fell on Each Lott

| Names of the Satlers                                | Time of Resi-<br>dnt<br>y. m. | House                              | Barns | Stock. | N <sup>o</sup> Rang | Lotts N <sup>o</sup> | acres of Land<br>Cleard | acres Fell |
|---|-------------------------------|------------------------------------|-------|--------|---------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|------------|
| r. James Mitchell . . .                             | 1—6                           | Log House                          |       | 2      | 6                   | 3                    | 5                       | 3          |
| nf Isaac Mitchell Jur <sup>r</sup> . . .            | 1—6                           | Poll House                         |       |        | 5                   | 3                    |                         | 3          |
| nf Will <sup>m</sup> Mitchell . . .                 | 1—6                           | Poll Hous                          |       |        | 5                   | 2                    | 1½                      | 2½         |
| nf Daniel Kyess . . .                               | 6                             | Poll Hous                          |       |        | 6                   | 1                    | 3                       | 3          |
| nf Edmund Taylor . . .                              | 1—3                           | Poll House                         |       |        | 6                   | 2                    |                         | 7½         |
| James Dunn—N R . . .                                |                               |                                    |       |        | 7                   | 3                    | 1                       | 2          |
| nf John Willson . . .                               | 6                             |                                    |       |        | 9                   | 2                    | 2                       | 3          |
| nf David Willson . . .                              | 6                             | Poll House n <sup>t</sup> Coverd   |       |        | 9                   | 3                    | 3                       |            |
| Abal Parker—N R . . .                               |                               |                                    |       |        | 9                   | 4                    | 3                       |            |
| nf James M <sup>c</sup> daniel . . .                | 4                             | Poll Hous                          |       |        | 8                   | 7                    |                         | 2          |
| r Ruben Walton . . .                                | 2                             | Poll Hous                          |       |        | 8                   | 6                    | 3                       |            |
| nf John m <sup>c</sup> daniel . . .                 | —2                            | Poll Hous                          |       |        | 8                   | 5                    | 3                       | 2          |
| r Abreham Morison . . .                             | 1 6                           | Log Hous                           |       | 2      | 6                   | 5                    | 9                       |            |
| Sam <sup>l</sup> Parker N R . . .                   |                               | Hous frame                         |       |        | 6                   | 7                    | 1                       | 3          |
| nf David Scott . . .                                | 8                             | Hous frame                         |       |        | 6                   | 8                    | 6                       | 1½         |
| nf James Scott . . .                                | 1—6                           | Log Hous                           |       |        | 6                   | 9                    | 4                       | 2          |
| r Alaxander Scott . . .                             | 1 6                           | Log Hous                           |       | 1      | 7                   | 9                    | 6                       | 3          |
| nf David Robea . . .                                | 8                             | Poll Hous                          |       |        | 7                   | 7                    | 5                       | 1½         |
| nf Sam <sup>l</sup> Moresson min <sup>r</sup> . . . | 1—6                           | Poll Hous                          |       |        | 6                   | 6                    | 2                       | 3          |
| Coll <sup>n</sup> Stodard N R . . .                 |                               | Poll Hous                          |       |        | 7                   | 16                   |                         | 1          |
| and D <sup>o</sup> . . .                            |                               | Poll Hous no Ruf                   |       |        | 5                   | 1                    |                         | 3          |
| r Silus Wright . . .                                | 6                             | framd House                        |       | 5      | 7                   | 15                   | 8                       | 2          |
| Cap <sup>t</sup> Jos: Read N R . . .                |                               | House Burnt Latly.                 |       |        | 7                   | 16                   | 10                      | 6          |
| Sawmill & Grismill                                  | bult and                      | d fineshed                         |       |        | 6                   | 15                   | 1                       |            |
| r John Tagrett . . .                                | 3—4                           | Log House                          |       | 3      | 8                   | 16                   | 9                       | 3          |
| Coll Stodard Improve-<br>ment N R                   |                               |                                    |       |        | 8                   | 15                   | 7                       | 4          |
| Ephream Butterfield<br>N R                          |                               |                                    |       |        | 9                   | 15                   | 4                       | 3          |
| Sam <sup>l</sup> Stephens N. R                      |                               | Poll Hous                          |       |        | 9                   | 16                   | 4                       | 8          |
| Titus Church N R                                    |                               | Log House                          |       |        | 14                  | 21                   | 3                       | 5          |
| nf Moses Bennett . . .                              | 1                             |                                    |       |        | 13                  | 22                   | 7                       | 12         |
| nf Jonathan Bennitt . . .                           | 1                             |                                    |       |        | 11                  | 14                   | 1                       | 2½         |
| nf Oliver Parker . . .                              | 1—6                           | Celler Dug frame<br>Rady not Raisd |       |        | 10                  | 16                   | 12                      | 10         |

| Names of the Satlers |  |     | Time of Resi-<br>dnt<br>y. m. | House       | Barns       | Stock | N <sup>o</sup> Rang | Lotts N <sup>o</sup> | acres of Land<br>Cleard | acres Fell |    |
|----------------------|--|-----|-------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------|---------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|------------|----|
| nf                   | Will <sup>m</sup> Kamp                     | N R | 6                             | a Camp      | Log<br>Born |       | 14                  | 22                   | 2                       | 5          |    |
|                      | Joseph Dodge . . . .                       |     |                               |             |             |       | 10                  | 10                   | 3                       | 3          |    |
|                      | D <sup>o</sup> Dodg . . . . .              |     |                               |             |             |       | 11                  | 12                   | 1                       | 2          |    |
|                      | D <sup>o</sup> Dodg . . . . .              |     |                               |             |             |       | 9                   | 12                   | 2                       | 3          |    |
| r                    | Benj Dunn . . . . .                        |     | 6                             | Poll House  |             |       |                     | 9                    | 12                      | 2          | 2  |
|                      | Aaron Bennitt                              | N R |                               |             |             |       |                     | 10                   | 18                      |            | 3  |
|                      | archalus Putman . .                        |     | 2                             | Poll House  |             |       |                     | 9                    | 13                      | 5          | 4  |
|                      | Simeon Church                              | N R |                               | Poll House  |             |       |                     | 13                   | 21                      | 2          | 6  |
| r                    | Amos Butterfield . .                       |     | 2                             | Log House   |             |       |                     | 10                   | 17                      | 5          | 3  |
|                      | Isaac Mitchell                             | N R |                               | Camp        |             |       |                     | 12                   | 12                      |            | 5  |
|                      | Sam <sup>ll</sup> Stephens Ju <sup>r</sup> | NR  |                               |             |             |       |                     | 12                   | 14                      |            | 2  |
|                      | Will <sup>m</sup> Scott for Esqr           |     |                               |             |             |       |                     |                      |                         |            |    |
|                      | Varnom                                     | N R |                               | framd House |             |       |                     | 10                   | 27                      | 5          | 2  |
|                      | Esqr Varnom                                | N R |                               | Poll House  |             |       |                     | 10                   | 26                      | 2          | 5  |
|                      | Will <sup>m</sup> Swan                     | N R |                               |             |             |       |                     | 8                    | 23                      | 3          |    |
| r                    | Rich <sup>d</sup> Richardson . .           |     | 2—                            | frand House |             |       | 1                   | 9                    | 25                      | 6          | 3  |
|                      | by D <sup>o</sup> Richardson . .           |     |                               |             |             |       |                     | 9                    | 23                      |            | 3  |
|                      | Amaziah Hildrick                           | N R |                               |             |             |       |                     | 10                   | 20                      | 1          | 3  |
|                      | John Tagret . . . .                        |     |                               |             |             |       |                     | 9                    | 22                      | 7          |    |
|                      | John Spaldin . . . .                       |     | 1—6                           | Poll Hous   |             |       |                     | 10                   | 25                      | 6          | 9  |
|                      | Will <sup>m</sup> Cockrin                  | N R |                               | poll Hous   |             |       |                     | 9                    | 21                      | 2          | 3  |
| nf                   | Alaxander Scott Ju <sup>r</sup>            |     | 2                             | Poll Hous   |             |       |                     | 9                    | 10                      |            | 2½ |

the Rodes in the Town of Limbrick are Wall Cleard Where they have began Sattelments in all parts of Said town—

The Sattlers on the Strip of Land Taken off from Marlow into Limbrick

| Names of the Satlers       |       | Houses.      | Stock | Barns       | acres Cleard | acres fall |
|----------------------------|-------|--------------|-------|-------------|--------------|------------|
|                            | y. m. |              |       |             |              |            |
| Joseph Tubes . . . .       | 3—    | Log House    | 6     | Log<br>Barn | 16           | 4          |
| Fradrick Tubes . . .       | 3—    | Log House    |       |             | 5            |            |
| John Noys Mather . .       | 2—    | Log House    |       |             | 20           |            |
| Ephream Brockway . .       | 2—    | Log House    |       |             | 25           |            |
| Salvenas Backet            |       | Log House    | 4     |             | 7            |            |
| Sam <sup>ll</sup> Comstock | } N R |              |       |             | 5            | 2          |
| and Timethy owen           |       |              |       |             | 5            | 10         |
| Will <sup>m</sup> Madson   | N R   | 2 Log Houses |       |             |              |            |



Nathan Taylor in Camels Gore Satled on a Lott that Was in Limbrick

there is Some incrohments made on the 10 forfeited Rights in Dublin they have fancied in Some of them for pastoring Land

on the mile Strip betwen masson and Hollis there is Sundrey Satlers by Purches of the Blanhardes as they say

the Strip betwen new Ipswith and Tampil Sold by Blanchards satled

the Strip betwen wilton & masson one Satler on said to a purchiser of some of the propriators of masson paten

Province of } Gentelman In Pursuants to your Instruc-  
New Hamp<sup>r</sup> } tions I have Taken a Trew acou<sup>t</sup> of all the  
Reckingham ss } Satlements in the Town of Limbrick and  
have Sott down the Number of acres in Each Lott Cleard & the  
numbers of acres fall aording to the bast of my Judgment, also the  
names of Each sattler and the Time he has Resided there, and those  
that are Tranchant, and not Constant Residents I have mark<sup>d</sup> thus,  
N. R. betwen their name and the first Colem I have also made a Dis-  
tinction betwen those of marlow and Limbrick Satlers—as you may  
Se in the above acou<sup>t</sup> I have also Taken account of all the Satlements  
in the Town of Camden of the number of acres Cleard and Trees fall  
as Satt Down in the fore going account, I have not Satt Down the  
Range or N<sup>o</sup> of Lotts in the Strip that was marlow nor in the Town  
of Camden as they Ware never Regularly Layed out in Ranges nor  
Ware the Lotts Numbered in Said Town but Every Satler had his  
Lott Layed out Were he Laked bast

I am Gentl men your Humb<sup>l</sup> Serv<sup>t</sup>

Dec<sup>r</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> 1771

Hubartus Neal—

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[*Notes about Settlers.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 8, p. 17.]

Isaac Mitchel

William Michel

John Willison

James Scott

Sam<sup>l</sup> morsson

alaxander Scott

James M<sup>c</sup>danel is Removed

John Tagret is in Two Places—and it is But one man

John Spalding is not a Rasadant

also James Mitchel is Removed

all menens from

10 years to 20

[*Sampson Stoddard to George Jaffrey, 1772.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 8, p. 18.]

Chelmsford Jan<sup>r</sup> 29-1772.

S<sup>r</sup>/ After so long a time have obtain'd 5 small p<sup>s</sup> of what our people call Bloodroot; I have made Strict enquiry ever since my return from Portsm<sup>o</sup>; but never could get any 'till Last night which I now send by M<sup>r</sup> Scales to Y<sup>r</sup> Lady, and pray her acceptance of it if not too late for her purpose.—I shall esteem it as a particular favour if it wont give you too much trouble to write a line (by m<sup>r</sup> Scales) & let me know whether the Prop<sup>rs</sup> have sent a Committee to review the Settlements in menadnock n<sup>o</sup> 7: Your Compliance (S<sup>r</sup>) with this request will much oblige Your most Obedient very Humb<sup>l</sup> Serv<sup>t</sup>—

Sampson Stoddard

The Hono<sup>rble</sup> George Jaffray Esqr

[*Sampson Stoddard to George Jaffrey, 1772.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 8, p. 19.]

Chelmsford Feb<sup>r</sup> 12. 1772

S<sup>r</sup>/ I am Sorry to hear of the Deficiency of the Grantees in N<sup>o</sup> 7 But I hope the Gent<sup>l</sup> Prop<sup>rs</sup> will Extend their patience a Little while longer (I thank them for what is past) The Gent<sup>l</sup> of the Comi<sup>te</sup> told me that they would use their endeavour to have matters so order'd that nothing should be done 'till I could ride in the Spring with safety when by the leave of Providence I intend to make my personal appearance I am (S<sup>r</sup>) Your Humb<sup>l</sup> Serv<sup>t</sup>

Sampson Stoddard

The Honon<sup>rbl</sup> George Jaffray Esqr

[*James Mitchell's Complaint, 1772.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 8, p. 20.]

To the Honor<sup>ble</sup> Theodore Atkinson Esq<sup>r</sup> and the rest of the worthy and Honor<sup>ble</sup> Masonian Proprietors. Gentlemen—

The Memorial of Me the Subscriber of Limerick Humbly Sheweth, that Coll<sup>l</sup> Stoddard of Chelmsford Several Years Since gave Two Lots of Land in Monadnock N<sup>o</sup> 7, or Lymerick to Nathaniel Bartlet, the one Duty free and the other to have the Duty done thereon viz the Lot N<sup>o</sup> 2 in the 5. Range but never gave s<sup>d</sup> Bartlet any Title to the Same.



And your Memorialist bought s<sup>d</sup> Lot N<sup>o</sup> 2 in the 5. Range of s<sup>d</sup> Bartlet at 50 Dollars and had a Promise of a Title from Coll<sup>l</sup> Stoddard and Since that s<sup>d</sup> Bartlet is gone off, and I have no Title to s<sup>d</sup> Lot, altho', the Duty is considerably forward, neither can I obtain any

Therefore y<sup>r</sup> Memorialist Prays your Hon<sup>rs</sup> to take my Case under y<sup>r</sup> wise Consideration, (under whose Protection I thro' my Self) and Set me in Some Way to Procure a Title to s<sup>d</sup> Lot of Land: and Your Memorialist as in Duty bound Shall ever Pray

Monadnock N<sup>o</sup> 7. April 24. 1772.

James mitchell

[*Reminder from Ephraim Butterfield, 1772.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 8, p. 21.]

To the Hon<sup>ble</sup> Theodore Atkinson Esq<sup>r</sup> and the rest of the Noble & Hon<sup>ble</sup> Masonian Proprietors.—Gentlemen—

I did Some time Since Send your Hon<sup>rs</sup> a Memorial how I was Served about a Lot of Land in Monadnock N<sup>o</sup> 7. or Limerick, but have not as Yet had any Satisfaction, therefore Pray your Honors to take my Case under your wise Consideration

which will oblige y<sup>r</sup> most Obedient Serv<sup>t</sup>

Wilton April 25. 1772.

Ephraim Butterfield

[*Re-entry on Forfeited Lots, 1772.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 8, p. 22.]

Province of  
New Hamp<sup>r</sup> } Pursuant to the Power I have Received from  
Rockingham ss } the Proprietors of Masons Patent, I have on the  
fifteenth Day of June 1772 in the Name and in  
behalf of Said Proprietors, Re-entered into and upon five Lotts &  
Rights of Land in the Town of Limbrick in the Countey of Cheshire  
in Said Province. Whereon the Dutey Was not Done acording to the  
conditions of the Grant of the Same by Said Proprietors, and in the  
Name behalf, and for the use of Said Proprietors, Did Claim Resume  
& Receive the Said five Lotts or Rights. Namely Lotts Number  
thirteen N<sup>o</sup> 17 N<sup>o</sup> 18 & N<sup>o</sup> 19 in the Eight Range of Lotts in said  
Town, and on N<sup>o</sup> 20 in the 7<sup>th</sup> Range and have taken actual Posses-  
sion of the Said Lotts & Rights in the Name and for the use of the  
Said proprietors, Whereon the Dutey is nots Done as aforesaid, and  
at the Time of the Re-enterey and Re-seisin have Openly and pub-  
lickly Declard the Same Before John Tagart Richard Richardson

Francis Durgin and Samuel Smart; and have also Re-entered into and upon all that Tract of Land in Said Limbrick Layed out by the Grantes of Marlow (Two Hundred & Sixtey Rods on the Easterly Side of the Patent Line, by Camden Line) and for the use of Said Proprietors Did Claim Resume & Receive the said tract of Land, and Take actual Possession thereof in the Name and for the use of said Proprietors Whereon the Dutey is not Don as aforesaid, and at the time of Re-entery have openly and Publickly Declared the Same before archabel White Zaccheus Blood Samuel Smart and Francis Durgin —Witnesses

attast  Hubartus Neal

Newmarket 18<sup>th</sup> of July 1772

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[*Petition of Inhabitants, 1773.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 8, p. 24.]

To the Hon<sup>ble</sup> Theodore Atkinson Esq<sup>r</sup> and the rest of the Hon<sup>ble</sup> Masonian Proprietors,

Humbly Sheweth, the Petition of us the Subscribers being Residents or Inhabitants of Monadnock N<sup>o</sup> 7, who were encouraged to become Settlers on s<sup>d</sup> Land by Sampson Stoddard Esq<sup>r</sup> and others the Grantees of said Tract of Land; but notwithstanding we have agreable to our Bargain with s<sup>d</sup> Grantees gone on and Settled s<sup>d</sup> Land and according to our Ability have done all in our Power to forward and encourage the Settlement by every Means, considering the almost unsurmountable Difficulties we meet with on Account of bad Roads in Summer & long & tedious Winters with great Scarcity of Provisions, Yet we meet with another Difficulty more terrible then all the rest, (viz) Want of a good Tittle to our Lands which We by no Means can obtain of the afores<sup>d</sup> Grantees. And unless we are by Some Way or Means redress'd, must move our Selves and Families off s<sup>d</sup> Lands. We being Sensible that s<sup>d</sup> Grantees have forfeited and refofieted s<sup>d</sup> Lands, into your Hon<sup>rs</sup> Hands and So have no Right to the Same; Earnestly Pray that your Hon<sup>rs</sup> would take into Consideration the distressing Circumstances of your humble Petitioners and do for us as your Hon<sup>rs</sup> in Wisdom think proper.

And We as in Duty bound Shall ever pray.—

James Mitchell

Abram Morrison

James Jewell

William Scott

John Taggard

Moses Bennett

Richard Richardson

Solomon mack

[Endorsed] Rec<sup>d</sup> April 14<sup>th</sup> 1773



[*Jonathan Nesmith's Report on Lots in Stoddard, 1816.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 8, p. 25.]

Antrim Oct<sup>r</sup> 11<sup>th</sup> 1816 To Mark W Peirce Portsmouth Sir I Rec<sup>d</sup> your letter by Samuel Barker one week later then you expected by reason of my being from home on the nixt day I aplyed to John Clark Esq<sup>r</sup> of Hancock to assist in the survey and we atended to the busniss on the following Monday and found it a difiequal mater to find the right information we got a sight of the Town Plane and then we had to go to Esq<sup>r</sup> Matesons which was the Town Clerk and lives on the line of Marlow to sertch The Town records and found him verey oblidging to us and give us all the information he Could and we found that there was sold of lot No 9 in the 8<sup>th</sup> range for taxes year 1792 for 1790 tax 79 acrs to Gardner Towns and of No 15 in the 4<sup>th</sup> range 39 acrs To William Pitcher year 1800 of these we found deads from the Collectors and that ther was another seal of 7 acrs of No 15 and one 5 acrs of No 27 in the 4<sup>th</sup> range of these two we thought that there was a Probability that they were redeemed, as you were Perticuler in your letter to me of the lay of the land its growth and how much will do to Plow, in answer I think I may say ther is but little Plow land—

of lote No 9 in the 8 range I think you will hold 15 or 16 acrs of the west end of the lot as the lot holds out 95 acrs of wood land of a havey groweth land rockey worth two dollars P<sup>r</sup> acre—

N<sup>o</sup> 12 in the 3<sup>d</sup> range his about 12 acres Clear<sup>d</sup> and under Improvement by a M<sup>r</sup> Bernet who Purthased a M<sup>r</sup> Morison's labour about ten or 12 years ago the 12 acrs is of a drayish soil and rockey in the north east Corner of the lot south of it is low madow land under watter a good Part of the year south of the madow is a groweth of spruce and hamlock the westerly Part of the lot is a mixture of timber of a havey groweth and land rockey worth 2 dollars P<sup>r</sup> acre

No 15 in the 4<sup>th</sup> range his 39 acrs layed of the East end and the remaning 41 acrs is verey rockey but little live timber standing. I inquired of John Stephens who is in Possession of the East 39 acrs what he would give for the remaning 41 acrs he told me that he Cared but little about it but if he Could get a deed of it without mutch expence he would give 25 dollars

N<sup>o</sup> 27 in the 4<sup>th</sup> range lays in the northeasterly Part of Stodard and the inhabitants of that Part of the town his but little connection with the middle of the town by reason of the worst ground for a road that I ever travled but is Conected with the north Part of windsor and about three mils from the Washington turnepick this lot is of a mid-

ling qualety lays to the west & north havey timbered not verey rockey westerly Part lowest worth 2 dollars & 50 Cents P<sup>r</sup> acre

we were inform<sup>d</sup> by the inhabitants of Stodard that lot No 17 in the 7<sup>th</sup> range is Caled a Peirce lot ther is 20 acres Sold for taxes of the east end the other 60 acrs is Poor land

it apeered on the Plane of Stodard that lotes No 19 and 20 is marked to Esq<sup>r</sup> Peirce in the 5<sup>th</sup> range and lot No 5 in the 6<sup>th</sup> range to Peirce and Moor this information may be of no use. these are the remark that I have to make on the Stodard Busniss and wher I have don wrong I wish you to write to me, you may think our Charge is high when you see it but be asured I found it more of a fataguing job then I expected from your friend and Humble Servent—

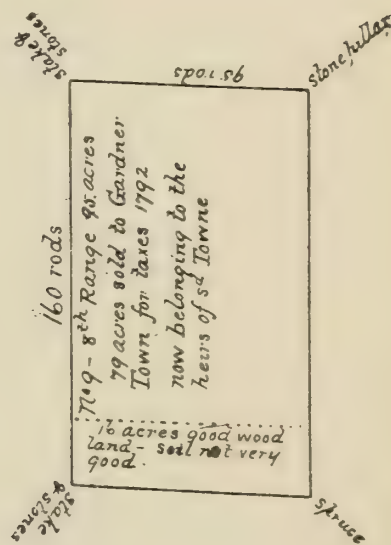
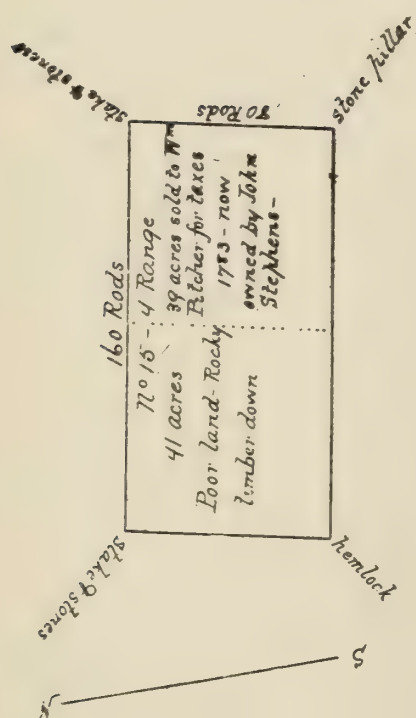
Jonathan Nesmith

Esq<sup>r</sup> Clarks Charge for survey and Plan is  
my Charge and Expençe—

10<sup>d</sup> 50 Cents  
18-65

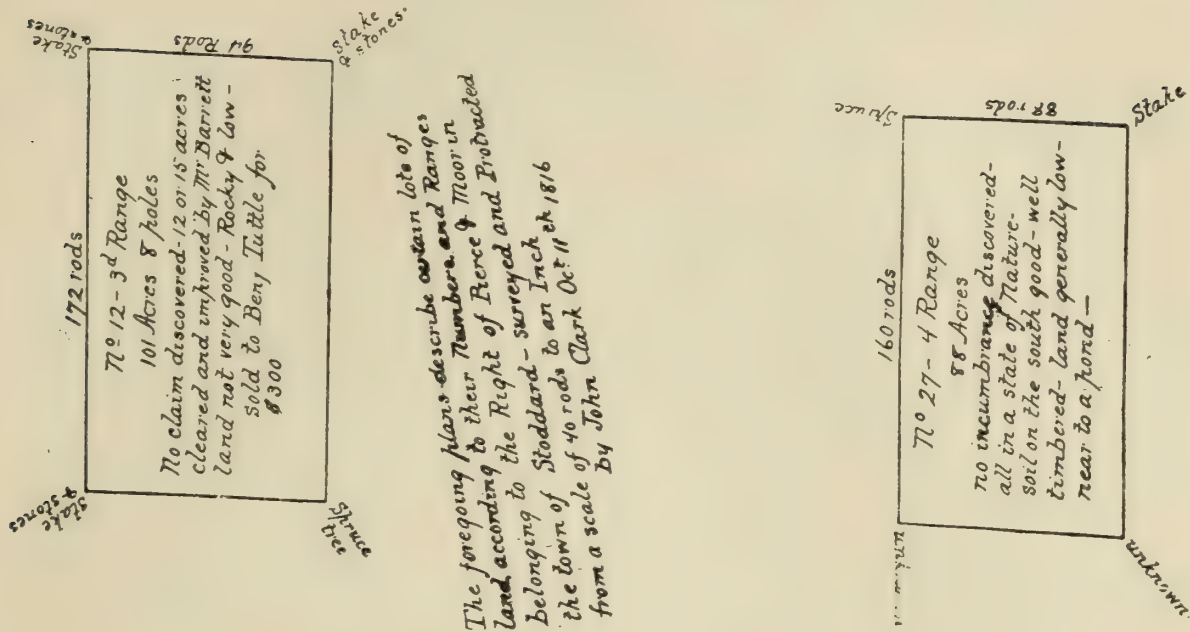
Samuel Barker for 3 days not included his expence I Pay<sup>d</sup> 29-15

[Plans of Aforesaid Lots, 1816.]





## [Plans of Aforesaid Lots, 1816.]



[Extract from Peirce Deed.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 8, p. 26.]

Lot N° 28 of one hundred acres and three Gores of land at the end of each range, which Gores together run quite across the westerly end of said great lot—and bound easterly on said Lot N° 28—and on lots N° 29 & 30 and westerly on Stoddard line

Extract from J Peirce's Deed to Nath Emerson of Stoddard

## STRATHAM.

[Originally a part of the "Squamscott Patent," granted to Edward Hilton March 12, 1629, and was known as *Winnicott*. Incorporated as Stratham March 14, 1715-16. A part of the town was annexed to Greenland Dec. 18, 1805. The line between Stratham and Newmarket was established Dec. 28, 1805, but this act was repealed June 17, 1807. Another small tract was annexed to Greenland July 2, 1847. The line with Greenland was established June 23, 1859, and amended June 27, 1860.

See New Hampshire charters in preceding volumes; IX, Bouton Town Papers, 777; XIII, Hammond Town Papers, 479; Index to Laws, 526; Baptist Churches in N. H., by E. E. Cummings, 1836, p. 22; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, p. 138; Deaths, 1741, by S. Lane, 30, N. E. Hist. Gen. Register, 426, and 32, *id.*, 48; sketch, by J. W. Rollins, Hurd's History of Rockingham County, 1882, p. 542.]

[*Petition of Stratham Men, 1748.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 8, p. 27.]

Province of } To the Honr<sup>bl</sup> Gent<sup>n</sup> proprietiers of the Land in  
New hampsh<sup>r</sup> } Said province That Latly was purch<sup>d</sup> of Cap<sup>t</sup> Jn<sup>o</sup>  
Tufton Mason Esqu<sup>r</sup>—

Colo: Atkinson and others &c:—

Wee the Subscribers Humbly petition That wee May have a Town-  
ship Thereof Containing Six Miles Square In Some Conveanent place  
Theirein on Such Conditions as others by y<sup>r</sup> Honrs Granted or shall  
Grant—Stratham octob<sup>r</sup> y<sup>e</sup> 26<sup>th</sup> 1748—Doubting Nothing But y<sup>r</sup>  
Honer<sup>s</sup> will Answer our potision wee Ever pray—

|                                   |   |                                |
|-----------------------------------|---|--------------------------------|
| Cotton Wiggin                     | the Reverd m <sup>r</sup> Rust              | George Veasey gun <sup>r</sup> |
| Jonathan Chase                    | Richard Sinkler                             | Moses Thurston                 |
| william Pottel                    | John Nocks                                  | Stephen Leavitt                |
| Jonathan Clark Junr               | Benjamin wason                              | william Calley                 |
| Edward Taylor                     | Bradstreet Wiggin                           | Simon wiggin                   |
| andrew wiggin jun <sup>r</sup>    | Joseph mason the 3                          | Daniel Mason                   |
| Jonathan Chase gun <sup>r</sup>   | theodor Hi[l]ton                            | Joseph Palmer                  |
| Jonathan Rolings                  | Jonathan Clarek                             | Richard young                  |
| Moses Leavitt Esq <sup>r</sup>    | Capt <sup>n</sup> foster                    | Jerimiah Veasey                |
| Samuell Leavitt gun <sup>r</sup>  | George Veasey y <sup>e</sup> 3 <sup>d</sup> | Thomas Veasey gun <sup>r</sup> |
| Thomas Chase                      | John Moores                                 | Doctor wiggin                  |
| Bradstret wiggin gun <sup>r</sup> | John Purmot                                 | Bengman Noris                  |
| Richard Callay                    | Bengman Jewet                               | John Thurston                  |
| Davied Haniford                   | Joseph Jewet Jun <sup>r</sup>               |                                |

Caniday men

|               |                 |               |
|---------------|-----------------|---------------|
| Solomon Smith | James Leavitt   | Thomas Calley |
| John Smith    | Robert Thurston |               |

Cape Britan men

|                                 |                     |                  |
|---------------------------------|---------------------|------------------|
| Joseph young                    | Joseph Smith        | Willeaim Toomson |
| Benjamin mason gun <sup>r</sup> | Charles glidden     | Frances mason    |
| Satchal Rundalet                | Joseph Moriall      | John Stockbridge |
| Charls Rundlet                  | Nathall Right white | davaid Toomson   |
| Jonathan Leavitt                | Edward young        |                  |

these mans names to Be aded to the Pertision of Capt<sup>n</sup> Veasey of  
stratham

they are not Petitioners but if Proper Persons may be added

|                |                |                 |
|----------------|----------------|-----------------|
| Jonathan Jones | Richard Scamon | Jonathan sibley |
| John Haniford  | owen Ranals    | Deacon Dearborn |



Davied Robeson  
Cap<sup>tn</sup> fifeld  
willam Potel

John Robrson Jun<sup>r</sup>  
John Leavitt  
John Clarck  
George Veasey

Samuell clarck  
Samuell Goohue  
willam meed

[*Another Stratham Petition, 1748.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 8, p. 28.]

province of ) To The Hon<sup>bl</sup> Theoder Atkinson Esq<sup>r</sup> and others  
New hampshire } proprietors of Mason's Patent for Lands in New  
hampshire wee The Subscribers humbly poticion your Honers to Con-  
firme unto us a quantity of the Said Lands as your Honours shall  
Think proper according To the Tenor of your other Grants or Con-  
vayences: Doubting Not but Your Honors will answer our poticion  
wee Subscriber our Selves your Humble Servants—

Stratham Novem<sup>br</sup> y<sup>e</sup> 21<sup>st</sup> 1748—

|  |                                 |                           |
|--|---------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Thomas Wiggin                                | Thomas Wiggin junr              | William Moore             |
| Josiah Parsons Jun <sup>r</sup>              | Samuel Veasey                   | Josiah sisco              |
| John hill                                    | Na <sup>ll</sup> Piper          | John wiggin               |
| William Burley Juner                         | Richard Witcher                 | Samuel wiggin             |
| Andrew french                                | John Avery                      | Thomas french             |
| Joshua Hill                                  | Bradstret french                | William Burly             |
| Thomas wiggn                                 | Thomas glanvil                  | William french Junr       |
| Moses Kennison                               | Samuel Allen                    | henery Wiggin Juner       |
| Samuel wiggins Juner                         | Andrew wiggin Juner             | Walter Wiggin             |
| Samuel piper                                 | Daniel Allen                    | Benjamin Barker           |
| Josiah Allen                                 | Isaac foos Jun                  | Tuften wiggin             |
| Eliphelet Wiggin                             | Jonathan Piper                  | thomas odel               |
| Joshua Rinston                               | Eleazer allen                   | Ezau Barker               |
| abraham Keneston                             | Timthary Merry                  | thomas Vesey Jr           |
| John Dearborn                                | Isaac foss                      | thomas foss               |
| Ebenezer Barker                              | Benjamin Cotten                 | Joseph Adams              |
| Nathanel Wiggin                              | William Simson Jun <sup>r</sup> | Nathaniel Brackit         |
| Thomas Bracket                               | Jonathan Jewet                  | John Hill Ju <sup>r</sup> |
| Nathanel Avery                               | Reuben Hill                     | John Piper                |
| John Weeks Jiner                             | Na <sup>ll</sup> Rright white   | Ephrim Crockit            |
| Joseph Mason                                 | Jonathan Dockum                 | solomon Kineston          |
| Jude Allen                                   | Josiah wiggin                   | stephen Piper             |
| Andrew Wiggin y <sup>e</sup> 5 <sup>th</sup> | John Allen                      | John Daves                |
| Chas Wiggin                                  | Samuel Avery                    | Bemagm Leavett            |
| Na <sup>ll</sup> Piper: fathr                | John Simson                     | Samuell pevey             |
| moses Wiggins                                | Bradstreet Wiggin               | Walter Wiggin Juner       |
| joseph Kinson                                | Daved french                    |                           |

## SUNAPEE.

[Originally known as *Corey's-town*. Granted Nov. 7, 1768, to Oliver Corey and others, and named *Saville*. Incorporated as *Wendell* April 4, 1781, and named in honor of John Wendell, of Portsmouth, one of the grantees. The south part of the town was combined with portions of Newport, Newbury, Lempster, and Unity, to constitute the town of Goshen, Dec. 27, 1791. Small tracts were severed and annexed to New London Dec. 11, 1804, and June 19, 1817. The name of the town was changed to Sunapee, July 12, 1850.

See New Hampshire charters in preceding volumes; X, Bouton Province and State Papers, 398, 400, as to participation in movement for union with Vermont towns; XIII, Hammond Town Papers, 494; Index to Laws, 491, 529, 574; sketch, by W. C. Sturoc, Hurd's History of Sullivan County, 1886, p. 366; Stewart's History of the Free Baptists, 1862, p. 502; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, p. 473.]

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[*Petition of Vere Royse.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 8, p. 30.]

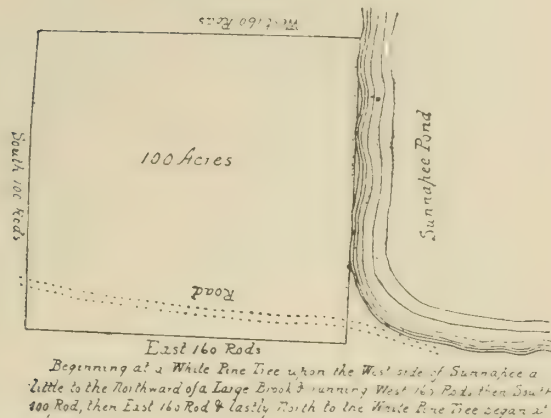
To the Hon<sup>ble</sup> Proprietors of Mason's Patent

The Petition of Vere Royse in behalf of Zephaniah Clarke of Hereford in the County of Cheshire in the Province of New Hampshire Gentleman humbly shews—

That the said Zephaniah was first encouraged to take up a Hundred Acres of Land on condition of settling it in the Township of Saville which he accordingly did & took possession thereof agreeable to the Plan herewith delivered afterwards upon the running of the Curve Line his said hundred Acres fell within the Bounds of Hereford, which gave him great uneasiness till he received a Letter from Maj<sup>r</sup> Price to pursue his said Settlement and as he was the Proprietor of Hereford (which said Clarke also understood) he would quiet him in his possession of said Tract agreeable thereto, he said Clarke removed with his family on said Land and has built him a large House and got his land under good Improvements and purposes to keep a public House for the benefit of Travellers and has expended all his Capital for the bringing forward said Farm which if taken from him will so distress him as to prove his ruin wherefore he prays from the Hon<sup>ble</sup> Proprietors a Confirmation of his said Hundred Acres to be reserved for him in Case the Prop<sup>rs</sup> of s<sup>d</sup> Patent should make a Grant of Hereford And as in duty bound he shall ever pray

Vere Royse  
in behalf of Zepheniah Clarke



[*Plan of One Lot.*]

## SUTTON.

[Granted by the Masonian Proprietors Nov. 30, 1749, to Obediah Perry and others, and called *Perrystown*. The charter was renewed Feb. 24, 1752, and again Aug. 18, 1773. Incorporated as Sutton April 13, 1784, and named from Sutton, Mass.]

See XII, Hammond Town Papers, 516; Index to Laws, 533; History, by Mrs. A. H. Worthen, 2 vols., 1890; sketch, by A. H. Worthen, Hurd's History of Merrimack County, 1885, p. 627; Stewart's History of the Free Baptists, 1862, p. 252; Baptist Churches in N. H., by E. E. Cummings, 1836, p. 10; proceedings at dedication of soldiers' monument in Three Dedications, pub. Concord, 1891.]

[*Petition for Grant, 1748.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 8, p. 31.]

We the Subscribers in Behalf of Our Selves would Humbly Pray the Gentle Men Proprietors of Masons Patten So Called that you would Grant us a Township of Land upon Such termes as has or Shall be granted to others and in So Doing you will Greatly Oblige your humble petitionos

Obadiah Perrey  
Jonathan Gile  
Thomas Foot  
Benj<sup>n</sup> Eaton  
James Graves  
William Stevens

Daniel Poor  
Ebenezer Gile  
John Dusten  
Andrew Stone  
Edmond Page  
Samuel Ayer

Samuel Stevens  
Ebenezer Mudget  
Stephen Dow  
Thomas Mills  
Jonathan Stevens  
Peter Ingalls

|                             |                              |                     |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------|
| James White                 | Stephen Coffin               | John Currier        |
| Joseph Severance            | Ephraim Severance            | Israel webster      |
| John Currier 3 <sup>d</sup> | William Brown                | John Dow junr       |
| Joseph Noyce                | Joshua Knight                | James Noyce         |
| Caleb Page                  | James Urin                   | Jeremiah Page       |
| James Merrell               | John Webster                 | Nathaniel Knight    |
| Abiel Knight                | Sam <sup>l</sup> Little junr | Gershom Pike        |
| Samuel Worthen              | Jonathan Poor                | Obadiah Perrey junr |
| Abraham Perrey              | Ebenezer Perrey              | John Perrey         |

Portsm<sup>o</sup> October 27<sup>th</sup> 1748

If it be agreeable to y<sup>e</sup> Proprietors we should be glad it Might be Scituated joining upon Contocook Easterly and So upon Merrimack River Six miles and otherwise bounded as to make up Six miles Square; or however otherwise Scituated as you shall think proper & in behalf of our Selves and y<sup>e</sup> above named we Subscribe S<sup>rs</sup> your Humble Petitioners

Obadiah Parry  
Daniel Poor

Portsm<sup>o</sup> July 14<sup>th</sup> 1749—y<sup>e</sup> within Mentioned Tract of land not being to be obtained by y<sup>e</sup> within Petitioners in their behalf I pray we may have y<sup>e</sup> tract of Land call'd N<sup>o</sup> 2 in y<sup>e</sup> Line of Towns

Obadiah Parry

[*Another List of Petitioners, 1749.*]

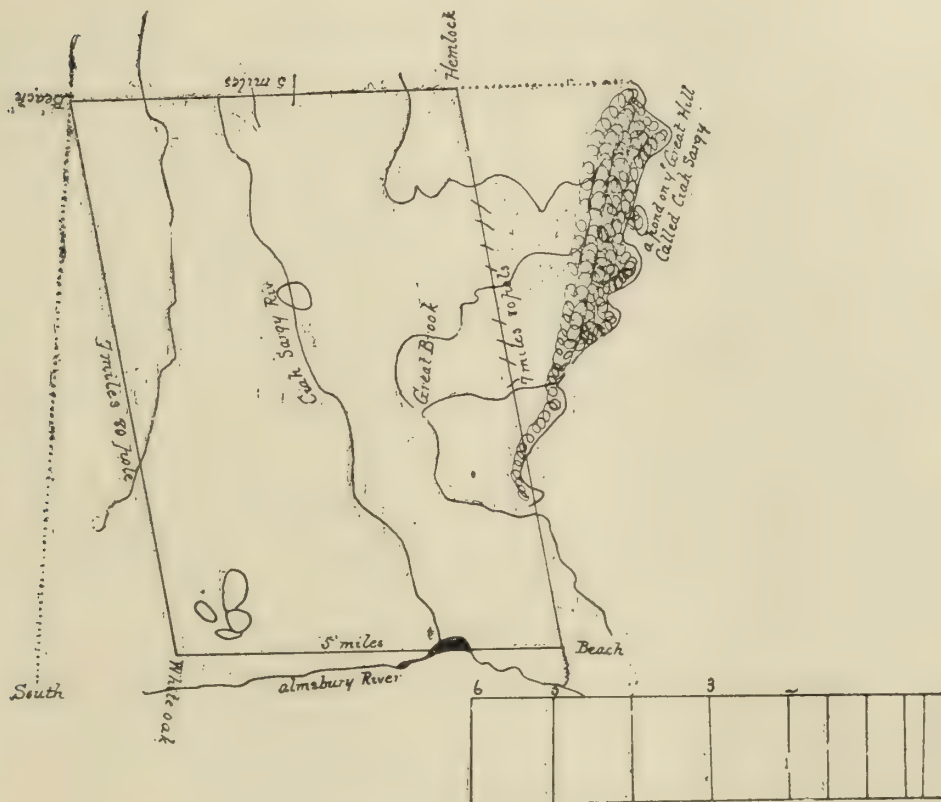
[Masonian Papers, Vol. 8, p. 31.]

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|-----------------------------------|---|--|
| Obadiah Parry                     | Daniel Poor                                   | James Graves   |
| Timothy Clement                   | Joseph Noyes                                  | Joshua Page  |
| Thomas Hale jun <sup>r</sup>      | Benjamin Hale                                 | William Stevens  |
| Parker Stevens                    | Zebadiah Sargent                              | Aaron Sargent  |
| Edmund Page                       | David Marsh                                   | Cutting Marsh  |
| Benjamin Eatton                   | William Eatton                                | Benjamin Eatton Jun                                      |
| Jonathan Poor                     | John Currier                                  | John Poor  |
| andew Stone                       | Jeames Urin                                   | Obadiah Parry juner                                      |
| Abraham Parry                     | Ebnezer Parry                                 | John Parry   |
| Steven Poor                       | Thomas Noyes                                  | James Eatton   |
| Jacob woodward                    | David Graves                                  | Ja <sup>s</sup> Pecker                                   |
| Steven whitticker                 | Thomas whitticker                             | Thomas wyman   |
| John Ayer juner                   | Samuel Little                                 | John webster   |
| John Pecker Jun <sup>r</sup>      | Rev <sup>d</sup> M <sup>r</sup> James Cushing | Rev <sup>d</sup> M <sup>r</sup> Edw <sup>d</sup> Barnard |
| Samuel Ayer                       | Jacob Hancock                                 | Samuel Little jun <sup>r</sup>                           |
| Nathaniel Knight Jun <sup>r</sup> | John Cogswell jun <sup>r</sup>                | James Clements   |
| Thomas Hale                       | thomas Folensbee                              |  |



Perry Poor & Clements their Schedule exhibited 25<sup>th</sup> octo<sup>r</sup> 1749 and agreed that y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup> Gentleman & their Associates have a Tract of Land (without a warranty) equal to Six miles square lying to y<sup>e</sup> Northward of N. 1. & N. 2, in y<sup>e</sup> Line of Towns (so called) to be laid out clear of other Engagements

[Plan of Sutton, 1769.]



This Plan was finished November y<sup>e</sup> 24<sup>th</sup> 1749 and it Contains 23040 acers which maks 36 Squair miles or Six miles Squair and it Layeth To the west of Ciar Sargy Hill So Called and is Bounded as followeth: Viz: Begining at a Beach Tree on the line of N<sup>o</sup> 1 156 pols Dew north from the mouth of a Brook Which Runs into Almsbury River So Called thence Runing North Sixteen Degrees West Seven miles and Eaighnty pols To a Larg Hemlock on the Top of a Hill thence West five Degrees South five miles To a Beach marked with stons a Bout the Same Thence South Sixteen Degrees East Seven miles and Eaighnty pols To a white Oak marked on the Line of

No: Five thence East 5 Degrees north five miles To the Bounds first mentioned

By me Timothy Clements Surveyr

[*Charter of Sutton, 1749.*]

[Masonian Proprietors' Records, Nov. 30, 1749.]

Province of ) Portsmouth November 30<sup>th</sup> 1749 Thursday Six  
New Hampshire } of the Clock afternoon at the Dwelling house of  
Ann Slayton widow The Proprietors meet according to Adjournment

Voted That there be and hereby is granted unto Thomas Whitacre John Ayer Jun<sup>r</sup> John Pecker a minor James Cushing Clerk Edward Barnard Clerk John Cogswell Jun<sup>nr</sup> Timothy Eaton Moses Clements Samuel Clements Joshua Page Zebediah Sargent Aaron Sargent David Marsh Cutting Marsh James Urin Deacon James Eaton James Pecker Stephen Whitacre all of Haverhill, John Poor Jonathan Plumer Mark Plumer a minor John Plumer Jun<sup>r</sup> Stephen Poor a minor all of Newbury, John Barker of Andover Asa Kimball of Bradford Obadiah Perry Timothy Clements James Clements a minor, Daniel Poor Samuel Little John Webster Jun<sup>r</sup> Jacob Hancock Nathanael Knight Jun<sup>r</sup> Samuel Little Jun<sup>r</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup> Hale Tho<sup>s</sup> Follensby Stephen Woodward Humphrey Noyes Daniel Roberts Joseph Noyes Thomas Hale Jun<sup>r</sup> Benj<sup>a</sup> Hale William Stephens Parker Stevens a minor Edmund Page Benj<sup>a</sup> Eaton William Eaton Benj<sup>a</sup> Eaton Jun<sup>r</sup> Jon<sup>a</sup> Poor a minor John Currier Andrew Stone Obadiah Perry Jun<sup>r</sup> Abraham Perry Ebenezer Perry John Perry a minor Thomas Noyes Jacob Woodward all of Haverhill District; James Graves Samuel Ayer and David Graves a minor all of Kingston.—

In Equal shares on the Terms Conditions & limitations herein after expressed all that Tract of Land within the Province of New Hampshire Containing the Extent and quantity of six miles square Bounded as follow's namely, laying West of Kyahsargy Hill so called & beginning at a Beech Tree on the Line of Number One So called one hundred and fifty six Poles due north from the mouth of a Brook which run's into Almsbury River so Called from thence running North sixteen Degrees west seven miles and Eighty Poles to a large Hemlock standing on the Top of a Hill Thence West five Degrees South five Miles to a Beech Tree marked with stones about it—Thence south sixteen Degrees East Seven miles and Eighty Poles to a white Oak marked on the Line of Number Two so called. Thence east five



Degrees North five miles to the Place Begun at. To have and to hold to them their Heirs and assigns in equal shares on the following Conditions Terms and limitations That is to say that eighteen shares in the said Tract of Land be and hereby are reserved to the use of the said Proprietors the Grantors in these Presents their Heirs and Assigns the same to lay on the Eastern side of said Tract of land and to be laid out at the same time the other shares shall be laid out and numbred from one to Eighteen and that the Rest and Remainder of the said Tract of land (saving what is herein after mentioned to be otherwise Improv'd) be divided into Sixty three shares or Rights and each share into two distinct Lots one of which is to contain a hundred acres and the other Lot all the rest of the Land belonging to each respective share except as before excepted.—That the lots which belong to the said sixty three shares be numbred with the same number beginning with nineteen & ending with Eighty One. That the said land be so laid out within the space of Eight months from the day of granting the same. and then the said sixty three shares to be drawn in the usual manner of Drawing for lots of land in such Cases and that the same be done at Portsmouth under the direction of the Grantors and that there be one Draft for the lots which belong unto one share—That the Eighteen shares reserv'd for the Use of the Grantors be drawn for, by the Grantors only at the same time of drawing the other lots. That one of said sixty three shares be for the first minister of the Gospel who shall be settled there and Continue there during his life or untill he shall be regularly dismiss'd to hold to him his Heirs and assigns. and one other of the said sixty three shares be for and towards the support of the Gospel ministry there for ever and that the hundred acre lots belonging unto these two shares shall be laid out as near the Place where the meeting house shall be built as Conveniently may be and not drawn for as the other lots. That there be ten acres of land left in some Convenient Place, as the major part of the said Grantees shall determine within the said Boundarys (exclusive of the eighteen reserved shares) for building a meeting house and school house upon and to improve for a training field a burying Place and other publick Use to which the Inhabitants there shall see Cause to apply it. That one other of said sixty three shares be for the use and support of a school there for ever—That the owners of the other sixty shares make a regular settlement there at their own Cost & Charge in the following manner namely that within two Years from the Granting of said land they shall have a saw Mill built fit for sawing & making Boards & other Timber for the use of the settlers there and that the same be put under such a regulation as shall best serve the interest of the

Settlement and that each settler may be serv'd on reasonable Terms. That within Three years from the said Term each owner of the said shares shall have three acres of land there clear'd and fitted for Tillage or mowing. That within four Years from said Term each owner shall have a house of sixteen foot square or equal thereto (with a Cellar under it) built on his respective share and fit to live in. That within five Years from said Term there shall be thirty families living on such Tract of land. That within six Years from said Term there shall be a meeting House built and Preaching there and sixty families living on said Tract of land. That within seven Years from said Term the said owners settle a Gospel minister there—That each owner of said sixty shares Pay to such Person or Persons as shall be appointed by the major part of the said owners to receive the same his Proportion of all sums of money from time to time as the major Part of said Owners shall determine to be necessary to be paid for the Carrying on the said settlement and accomplishing the matters and things aforesaid and what shall be herein after mentioned for the making Perfecting and finishing the said settlement. That there be reserv'd in the most Convenient Place in said Tract of Land (exclusive of the said reserv'd Eighteen shares) a Place for a saw mill with a Convenient Quantity of land for a Pond Yard Brow &c not exceeding Twenty acres That in laying out the lots care be taken to sort them in such a manner as to make the shares as equal as Possible that the lots be laid in Ranges where the land will admit of it & land left between the Ranges for highways of four Rods wide and between the lots of two Rods wide where the land will admit of it—That a Plan of the whole when laid out be made at the Charge of the Owners of the said sixty shares and return'd to the said Grantors at the time of drawing the lots at the Charge of the said Owners. That the Eighteen reserv'd shares be exonerated acquitted and fully Discharg'd & exempted from paying any Charge towards making the said settlement and not held to the Conditions limited to the other shares nor liable to pay any Charge Tax or assessment until improv'd by the respective owners thereof or any under them. That all white Pine trees fit for masting the Royal Navy be and hereby are reserv'd and Granted unto his majesty his Heirs and successors for ever for that purpose. That in Case the Grantees and Owners of the said sixty shares shall neglect fail and omit to make and perfect the said settlement in manner as aforesaid according to the true intent and meaning of the several Articles matters and things herein before mentioned by them to be done such Grantees and owners shall forfeit their Right and Interest in the said Granted Premises to the Grantors their Heirs and assigns, (saving to such of the said Owners



as shall have done and perform'd his part and Proportion of the said Articles matters and things his Respective Right and share of the said Premises) and the said Grantors their Heirs and assigns may and it shall be lawfull for them or any Person or Persons for them and in their Name and Stead to enter into and upon the Rights and shares so forfeited and the same again to seize take Possession of and apply to their own use—Provided that if a war with the Indians should again happen before the expiration of the several limitations for the doing & performing the said matters and things respectively then the same Term of Years to be allowed of after that Impediment shall be remov'd.—

And further it is to be understood that the grantors do not Warrant the Premises and further it is the true intent and meaning of the Grantors and Grantees in these Presents that in Case any of the Said sixty shares shall be forfeited to the Grantors by default of Performing the Proportion of Duty in making the said Settlement as afores<sup>d</sup> the said Grantors shall oblige those to whom they shall Dispose of such shares to do & Perform their Proportion of these Articles matters and things herein enjoyn'd and required of the Original Grantees and in Case the said Grantors shall hold such forfeited Rights to themselves or any of them they shall do and Perform all their Proportion of Duty and pay their Proportion of all Charge as is herein requir'd of the Original Grantees Provided nevertheless that the said Grantees do & shall when they shall be thereunto respectively requested by the Grantors Enter into a Contract and personally oblige themselves and their respective Heirs & assigns to do and perform the several Articles matters and things by those Persons the Grantees before mentioned to be performd and done by signing and Executing such Instrument or Instruments in writing as by Council Learn'd in the law shall be advised and devised for that Purpose.

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[*Draft of Lots, 1750.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 8, p. 32, and Proprietors' Records, Vol. 6, p. 236, and Vol. 7, p. 66.]

Province of ) Portsmouth July 11<sup>th</sup> 1750 Wensday at the  
New Hampsh<sup>r</sup> ( house of Ann Slayton—At a Proprietors Meeting  
held by adjournment—The Draft of y<sup>e</sup> Lots of the Township granted  
to Obadiah Parry & others 30<sup>th</sup> Nov<sup>r</sup> 1749—and of y<sup>e</sup> Eighteen Lots  
layed out for y<sup>e</sup> Proprietors y<sup>e</sup> Grantors

| order of drawing |  |   | 1 <sup>st</sup> Division |   |   | 2 <sup>d</sup> Division |   |   |
|------------------|--|---|--------------------------|---|---|-------------------------|---|---|
| N <sup>o</sup> 1 | Stephen woodward                         | . | N <sup>o</sup> 30        | . | . | N <sup>o</sup> 46       | . | . |
| 2                | Benj <sup>a</sup> Hale                   | . | 21                       | . | . | 15                      | . | . |
| 3                | John Pecker a minor                      | . | 39                       | . | . | 45                      | . | . |
| 4                | David Graves a minor                     | . | 46                       | . | . | 61                      | . | . |
| 5                | Tho <sup>s</sup> Follensby               | . | 59                       | . | . | 5                       | . | . |
| 6                | John Webster jun <sup>r</sup>            | . | 65                       | . | . | 22                      | . | . |
| 7                | School Lot                               | . | 60                       | . | . | 4                       | . | . |
| 8                | Eben <sup>r</sup> Parry                  | . | 29                       | . | . | 59                      | . | . |
| 9                | Tho <sup>s</sup> Hale                    | . | 54                       | . | . | 21                      | . | . |
| 10               | James Clements a minor                   | . | 70                       | . | . | 16                      | . | . |
| 11               | Tho <sup>s</sup> Hale jun <sup>r</sup>   | . | 73                       | . | . | 3                       | . | . |
| 12               | John Currier                             | . | 20                       | . | . | 17                      | . | . |
| 13               | John Poor                                | . | 74                       | . | . | 54                      | . | . |
| 14               | John Parry a minor                       | . | 25                       | . | . | 35                      | . | . |
| 15               | Parker Stevens a minor                   | . | 33                       | . | . | 11                      | . | . |
| 16               | Asa Kimbal                               | . | 26                       | . | . | 60                      | . | . |
| 17               | Mark Plummer a minor                     | . | 70                       | . | . | 51                      | . | . |
| 18               | James Pecker                             | . | 63                       | . | . | 19                      | . | . |
| 19               | John Barker                              | . | 41                       | . | . | 20                      | . | . |
| 20               | Sam <sup>l</sup> Clements                | . | 44                       | . | . | 24                      | . | . |
| 21               | David Marsh                              | . | 49                       | . | . | 60                      | . | . |
| 22               | Humphrey Noyes                           | . | 76                       | . | . | 56                      | . | . |
| 23               | Jacob Hancock                            | . | 28                       | . | . | 36                      | . | . |
| 24               | Abraham Parry                            | . | 35                       | . | . | 10                      | . | . |
| 25               | James Graves                             | . | 38                       | . | . | 39                      | . | . |
| 26               | Joseph Noyes                             | . | 64                       | . | . | 12                      | . | . |
| 27               | Obadiah Parry                            | . | 22                       | . | . | 32                      | . | . |
| 28               | Edward Barnard Clerk                     | . | 55                       | . | . | 9                       | . | . |
| 29               | Jonathan Poor minor                      | . | 77                       | . | . | 58                      | . | . |
| 30               | Aaron Sargent                            | . | 81                       | . | . | 29                      | . | . |
| 31               | Thomas Noyes                             | . | 58                       | . | . | 6                       | . | . |
| 32               | William Stevens                          | . | 80                       | . | . | 48                      | . | . |
| 33               | Zebediah Sargent                         | . | 27                       | . | . | 29                      | . | . |
| 35               | John Cogswell jun <sup>r</sup>           | . | 19                       | . | . | 14                      | . | . |
| 36               | Moses Clements                           | . | 42                       | . | . | 26                      | . | . |
| 37               | Sam <sup>l</sup> Ayer                    | . | 56                       | . | . | 8                       | . | . |
| 38               | Jon <sup>a</sup> Plummer                 | . | 53                       | . | . | 13                      | . | . |
| 39               | Andrew Stone                             | . | 67                       | . | . | 23                      | . | . |
| 40               | Benj <sup>a</sup> Eaton jun <sup>r</sup> | . | 52                       | . | . | 53                      | . | . |
| 41               | Jacob Woodward                           | . | 45                       | . | . | 28                      | . | . |
| 42               | Sam <sup>l</sup> Little                  | . | 50                       | . | . | 52                      | . | . |
| 43               | John Ayer jun <sup>r</sup>               | . | 43                       | . | . | 27                      | . | . |



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| 44 | Joshua Page . . . . .                                | 71 | . . . . . | 2  |
| 45 | Edmund Page . . . . .                                | 37 | . . . . . | 44 |
| 46 | Daniel Poore . . . . .                               | 40 | . . . . . | 40 |
| 47 | Timothy Eaton . . . . .                              | 61 | . . . . . | 43 |
| 48 | Timothy Clements . . . . .                           | 69 | . . . . . | 31 |
| 49 | Stephen whitacre . . . . .                           | 34 | . . . . . | 37 |
| 50 | John Plummer jun <sup>r</sup> . . . . .              | 47 | . . . . . | 33 |
| 51 | Benj <sup>a</sup> Eaton . . . . .                    | 66 | . . . . . | 57 |
| 52 | Dan <sup>ll</sup> Roberts . . . . .                  | 51 | . . . . . | 18 |
| 53 | Deacon James Eaton . . . . .                         | 62 | . . . . . | 47 |
| 54 | Nath <sup>ll</sup> Knight jun <sup>r</sup> . . . . . | 23 | . . . . . | 62 |
| 55 | Tho <sup>s</sup> Whitacre . . . . .                  | 24 | . . . . . | 41 |
| 56 | James Cushing Clerk . . . . .                        | 46 | . . . . . | 34 |
| 57 | Cutting Marsh . . . . .                              | 75 | . . . . . | 55 |
| 58 | William Eaton . . . . .                              | 36 | . . . . . | 38 |
| 59 | Stephen Poor a minor . . . . .                       | 68 | . . . . . | 25 |
| 60 | Obadiah Parry jun <sup>r</sup> . . . . .             | 72 | . . . . . | 1  |
| 61 | James Urin . . . . .                                 | 78 | . . . . . | 50 |
| 62 | Samuel Little jun <sup>r</sup> . . . . .             | 57 | . . . . . | 7  |
|    | Ministerial Lot . . . . .                            | 32 | . . . . . | 63 |
|    | Ministry . . . . .                                   | 31 | . . . . . | 5  |

The Draft of Eighteen shares Reserved to the Use of y<sup>e</sup> Proprietors y<sup>e</sup> Grantors—viz<sup>t</sup>—

order of draft

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| N <sup>o</sup> 1 | Law Lot N <sup>o</sup> 1 . . . . .                          | N <sup>o</sup> 1—on y <sup>e</sup> plan |
| 2                | Mason & Thomlinson . . . . .                                | 6                                       |
| 3                | John Rindge . . . . .                                       | 17                                      |
| 4                | Sam <sup>ll</sup> Solly & Clem <sup>t</sup> March . . . . . | 3                                       |
| 5                | Tho <sup>s</sup> Wallingford . . . . .                      | 18                                      |
| 6                | Richard Wibird . . . . .                                    | 9                                       |
| 7                | George Jaffrey . . . . .                                    | 15                                      |
| 8                | Theodore Atkinson . . . . .                                 | 11                                      |
| 9                | Mark Hunk <sup>g</sup> Wentworth . . . . .                  | 7                                       |
| 10               | Joshua Peirce . . . . .                                     | 2                                       |
| 11               | John Moffatt . . . . .                                      | 8                                       |
| 12               | John Thomlinson . . . . .                                   | 5                                       |
| 13               | John Wentworth . . . . .                                    | 16                                      |
| 14               | Thomas Packer . . . . .                                     | 13                                      |
| 15               | Law Lot N <sup>o</sup> 2 . . . . .                          | 14                                      |
| 16               | Mary Moore & Peirce . . . . .                               | 4                                       |





Gentlemen

This is to Pray the Favour of your Honours To Put us into Sum method How we shall Settel a Township Granted To Perry and other—Inasmuch as many of our Propriters or Sosiety are Back or allto Gether Negelent and Neglects To Pay any thing Tords the Defraying the Charges allredy Risen And we Know not what to Do—and theirfore we Prays your Honers favour, To Tak the Delinquent to your Selves or Put us into Sum Method Which way we shall Do that may Be most for the Intrest of our Province as well as our own——

Who are all Well wishers To the Promotion and Intrest of all our fellow creators——

Plastow September y<sup>e</sup> 23<sup>d</sup> 1751

|                                |                                |                        |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------|
| Joshua Page                    | Joseph Noyce                   | Thomas Hale            |
| Daniel Poor                    | Timothy Clements               | James Clements         |
| James Graves                   | Samuel Little                  | Ja <sup>s</sup> Pecker |
| Edw <sup>d</sup> Barnard       | John Pecker Jun <sup>r</sup>   | Jonathan Poor          |
| Israel Webster                 | John Currier                   | Stephen Whitteker      |
| Edmund Page                    | Timothy Eaton                  | Thomas Whitteker       |
| Thomas Noyes                   | James Heath                    | Zebediah Sargant       |
| Samuel Little jun <sup>r</sup> | Nathaniel Knight               | Cutten Marsh           |
|                                | John Cogswell Jun <sup>r</sup> |                        |

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[*Grant of Forfeited Shares to Town Proprietors, 1751.*]

[Masonian Proprietors' Records, Nov. 27, 1751, and Masonian Papers, Vol. 8, p. 35.]

Province of } Portsmouth November the 27<sup>th</sup> 1751. Wenes-  
New Hampshire } day six of the Clock afternoon at the house of Ann  
Slayton the Proprietors meet according to Adjournment

Whereas the said Proprietors on the thirtieth day of November 1749. Granted to Thomas Whiteacre John Ayer Jun<sup>r</sup> John Pecker & others a Certain Tract of Land of the quantity of Six miles Square Bounded as follows Viz<sup>t</sup> laying West of Kyahsargy Hill so called & Beginning at a Beech tree on the line of Number one so Called one hundred and fifty Six poles Due North from the mouth of a Brook which runs into Almsbury River so Called from thence running north Sixteen Degrees West Seven miles & Eighty Poles to a large Hemlock Standing on the top of a Hill thence West five Degrees South five miles to a Beech Tree marked with Stones about it Thence

South Sixteen Degrees East Seven Miles & Eighty Poles to a white Oak marked on the line of Number Two So Called thence East five Degrees North five miles to the place Begun at—on Certain Terms & under such Limitations & Conditions as are Set forth in said Grant as may fully appear by said Grant Reference thereto being had among which Terms & Conditions there is this Reservation That in Case the Grantees & owners of Sixty Shares (therein Referred to) shall neglect fail & omit to make & perfect the said Settlement in manner as aforesaid that is as is Directed to & Set forth among the Limitations & Conditions aforesaid—According to the true Intent & meaning of the Several Articles matters & things therein mentioned by the owners of the Sixty Shares afores<sup>d</sup> to be done & performed such Grantees & owners shall Forfeit their Right & Interest in the said Granted Premises to the Grantors their Heirs & assigns—which also may more fully appear by Reference to said Grant—Now upon further Consideration of said Grant for promoting & advancing the Settlement according to the Intention of Said Proprietors in making the said Grant and for a further Encouragement to those of the said Grantees who have or shall duly Comply with the Conditions & Terms aforesaid therefore Voted that the said Proprietors on the Conditions herein after mentioned Do hereby give Grant Remise Release assign Set over Convey & Confirm to the said Grantees last mentioned all the Interest property Right Inheritance Estate Claim & Demand whatsoever of the said Proprietors to Such forfeitures and forfeited shares both that are already & that shall hereafter be forfeited according to the true Intent & meaning & the force & Effect of the said Grant & Reservation aforesaid & All Right Authority Interest Estate Property Claim & Demand whatsoever which the said Proprietors have by Virtue of the Reservation afores<sup>d</sup> & any other Clause & Paragraph in the said Grant whereby the Right to such forfeitures is Vested in the said Proprietors to have & to hold to the said Grantees & their Associates heirs & assigns forever Provided nevertheless & on this Condition only Viz<sup>t</sup> that the said Grantees Settle or Cause the same to be Settled according to the true Intent & meaning of the said Grant first made & as is therein Set forth—But in Default thereof such forfeited Rights & Shares shall revert & remain the property Right & Estate of the said Grantors their Heirs & assigns Exempted & Exonerated of & from the Expence burthen & Duty of Settling & Improving the same only at their Will & pleasure—



[*Correction of Former Vote, 1752.*]

[Masonian Proprietors' Records, Feb. 24, 1752.]

Whereas the said Proprietors at their Meeting held at Portsmouth aforesaid on the twenty seventh Day of November Anno Dom: 1751 past a Vote in Addition to a Vote past by them the thirtieth Day of Novemb<sup>r</sup> Anno Dom: 1749 Granting to Thomas Whittacre John Ayre Jun<sup>r</sup> John Pecker & others a Certain Tract of Land Described in the said Vote of the thirtieth of Novemb<sup>r</sup> aforesaid with the Terms and Conditions on which it was Granted which additional Vote was Designed to grant and Convey all such Rights & Shares of the Grantees named in the first Vote afores<sup>d</sup> in & to the said Tract of Land, which according to the true Intent & meaning of the said Vote, then were or thereafter should be forfeited to the grantors—To those of the said Grantees who had not & should not so forfeit their said Rights & Shares. But yet on this Condition that those Persons who should so take the said Forfeited Shares should Settle the same according to the Tenor and meaning of the said first Vote within a Limited time which time was wholly Omitted & not Expressed in the Drafting the said Additional Vote by mere over Sight—

Therefore Voted that The term of one year shall be & hereby is Granted & allowed to the Grantees of the said forfeited shares their Respective Heirs & assigns (according to the true Intent & meaning of the said second Vote) to perform & finish a Settlement<sup>t</sup> thereof (according to y<sup>e</sup> Tenor of the s<sup>d</sup> first Vote) To be Computed from the time each Respective Forfeiture Accrewed or Shall hereafter accrew—

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[*Names of Settlers, 1771.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 8, p. 36.]

Setlers Liveing in Perries Town

Samuel Peesley—

Ephraim Gile

Samuel Been

a Saw mill

Some more Trees Cut Down

Cornelious Been

Jacob Davis

Thos Cheeney

[Endorsed] Return of the Settlers in Perrys-Town—July 1771

[*George Jaffrey to Town Proprietors, 1771.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 8, p. 37.]

Gentlemen

The Proprietors of the Lands purchased of Jn<sup>o</sup> Tufton Mason Esqu<sup>r</sup> in New Hampshire, being Sensible that the Tract of Land called Parry's Town, is chiefly forfeited to the Grantors, by the Grantees not complying with the Terms and Conditions of their Grant—and the Grantors are therefore determined immediately to re-enter, and reasume their former Right & Possession of the forfeited Rights and Shares in Said Tract, and dispose of the Same by a new grant on new Terms—of which this is to advise you, that if any of you are disposed to make application to y<sup>e</sup> Grantors for a new Grant, you must Speedily apply for y<sup>e</sup> Same, or the forfeited land will be conveyed to others—by direction from y<sup>e</sup> Proprietors—this is from Gen<sup>t</sup>

y<sup>r</sup> Hum: serv<sup>t</sup>

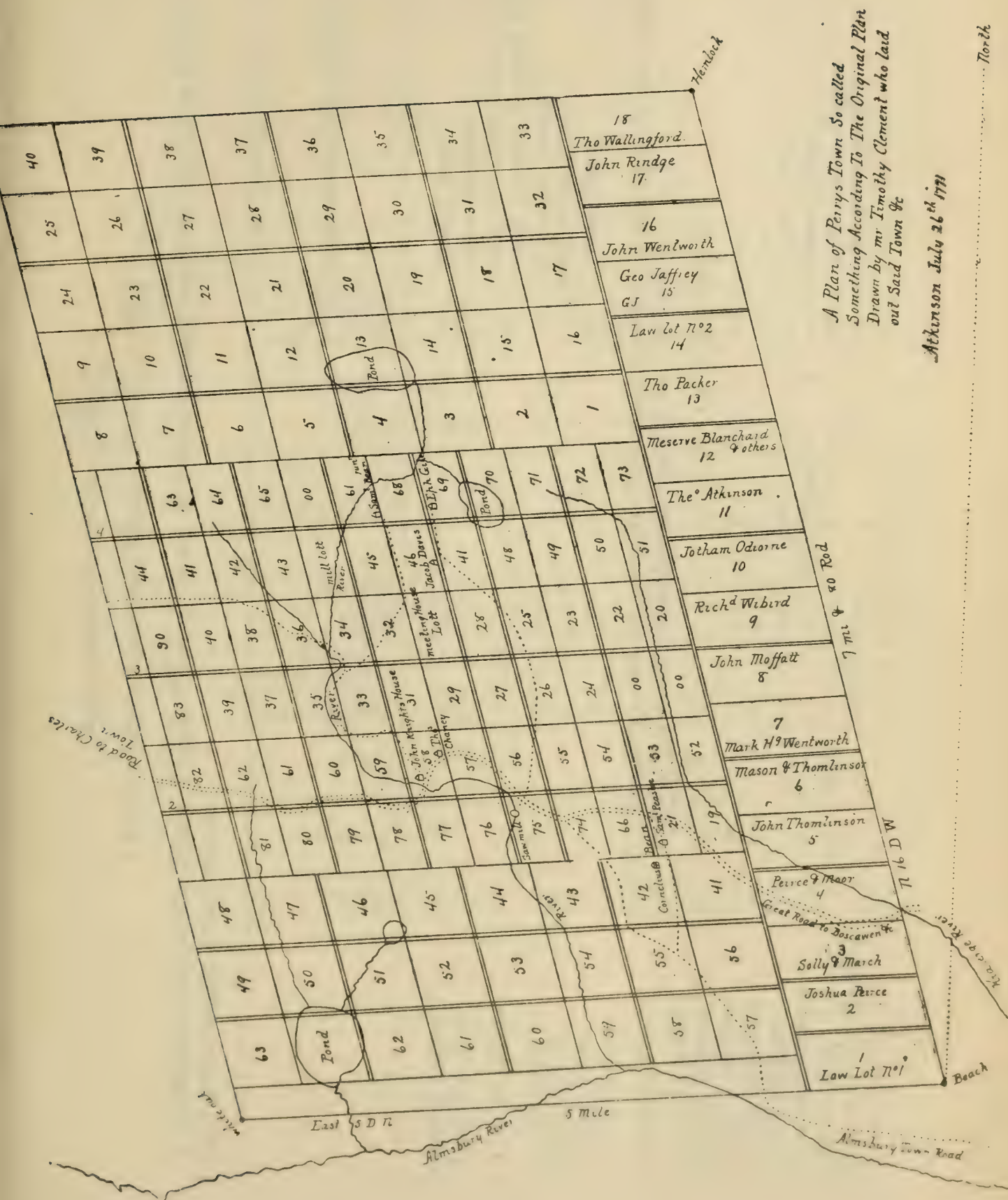
Portsm<sup>o</sup> July 18<sup>th</sup> 1771—

Geo: Jaffrey Prop<sup>rs</sup> Cl

To the Granteers of the Tract of Land called Parry's Town in New Hampshire—



[*Plan of Sutton, 1771.*]







Persons Liveing in the Place Called Perryes Town & Improvements maid or begining theirin & Lots Petcht uppon & by whome

|                       | House                          | Famely | years | months  | Acres Im-<br>proved | years   | months        | Acres Cut                     | years     | months        | No of Lot | Division   | under whom or whom Drown by                                  |
|-----------------------|--------------------------------|--------|-------|---------|---------------------|---------|---------------|-------------------------------|-----------|---------------|-----------|------------|--|
| 1 Samuel Peasley .    | 1                              | 1      | 1     | 3       | 3                   | 1       | —             | 5                             | —         | 3             | 21        | —          | Samuel Been  |
| 2 Cornelius Been .    | 1                              | 1      | 1     | —       | 3                   | —       | —             | —                             | —         | —             | 42        | —          | Aaron Sargants   |
| 3 Thomas Cheeney .    | 1                              | 1      | —     | 1       | 0.5                 | —       | 3             | 1½                            | —         | 1             | 58        | —          | Capt Thomas Noyse for 50 acres<br>wants 50 more & would Stay |
| 4 Jacob Davis .       | 1                              | 1      | —     | 9       | 4                   | —       | —             | 1                             | —         | —             | —         | —          | Harrod of Boston   |
| 5 Ephraim Gile .      | 1                              | 1      | —     | 6       | 5                   | —       | —             | 2½                            | —         | —             | 69        | —          | his own wright   |
| 6 Samuel Been .       | 1                              | 1      | —     | 9       | 4                   | —       | —             | 3                             | —         | 1             | 67        | —          | Samuel Been  |
| Non Residents         |                                |        |       |         |                     |         |               |                               |           |               |           |            |  |
| 1 Ebenezer Noyce .    | Built a Saw mill<br>on 2 acres | 1      | —     | on<br>D | the<br>own          | Pr<br>8 | Prop<br>acres | rietors<br>Cost<br>more<br>La | bu<br>tel | t has<br>y on | ot<br>ot  | fin<br>N o | ishd the Dam He has Cleard 1                                 |
| Jeremiah Heath .      | —                              | —      | —     | —       | —                   | —       | —             | 3                             | —         | 1 or 2        | 41        | —          | —  |
| & Esqr Mchard .       | —                              | —      | —     | —       | —                   | —       | —             | 4                             | —         | —             | —         | —          | —  |
| Thomas Wodley .       | —                              | —      | —     | —       | 3                   | —       | —             | 2                             | —         | —             | —         | —          | —  |
| Jonathan Nelson .     | —                              | —      | —     | —       | —                   | —       | —             | 3 or 4<br>a few Trees         | —         | —             | 45        | —          | his own wright   |
| Jacob woodard .       | —                              | —      | —     | —       | —                   | —       | —             | —                             | —         | 3             | 58        | —          | Samuel Little  |
| Ebenezer Johnson .    | —                              | —      | —     | —       | —                   | —       | —             | 1                             | 1         | —             | 47        | —          | Capt Thomas Noyse  |
| John Knight .         | 1 partly Built                 | —      | —     | —       | 0.4                 | —       | —             | 4                             | 4         | —             | —         | —          | John Plummer   |
| Docter James Packer . | —                              | —      | —     | —       | 2                   | —       | —             | 1                             | —         | —             | —         | —          | —  |
| Moses quimbey .       | —                              | —      | —     | —       | —                   | —       | —             | —                             | —         | —             | —         | —          | —  |

[*Report of Committee on Forfeitures, 1771.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 8, p. 38.]

In pursuance of a Vote passed the 17<sup>th</sup> July last we have examined into the state of the Townships of Parrys Town New Britton and Alexandria and do make the following Report thereupon

That it appears to us the said Towns are all and each of them forfeited for non compliance with the Conditions of their respective Grants and are reseized by the Attorney of the Proprietors in pursuance of the Proviso's made in the Grants And we are of opinion the said Townships of Parry's town New Britton and Alexandria be appropriated to the Use and Benefit of the Proprietors reserving to certain Persons inhabiting and improving in each of the said Towns as follows.

In the Township of Parry's town as appears by the Return of Jonas Minot Attorney and Agent to the Proprietors

Seven Houses with Families resident in the said Town the whole Rights belonging to the Lots on which such houses are now built and Improvements made be reserved and confirmed to the Proprietors of such Rights.

Also Eight Persons having begun improving on certain Lots in said Town but are not resident there, the said Lots should be confirmed to the Persons improving the same on Condition that they continue progressively improving said Lots and building a Dewelling House on each of the said Lots respectively within one Year—

In the Township of New Britton as appears by the Return of Jonas Minot aforesaid

Fourteen Houses with Families resident in the s<sup>d</sup> Town the whole Rights belonging to the said Houses and Improvements to be reserved to the Proprietors of the said Rights as abovemention'd in the Case of Perry's town

Also Eight Persons have begun improving on certain Lots but are not resident in said Town the said Lots to be confirmed to the Improvers on the Conditions mentioned above in the Case of Perrys town

In the Township of Alexandria as appears by the Return of Jonas Minot aforesaid

Three Houses with Families resident in the said Town the whole Rights belonging to the said Houses and Improvements to be reserved to the Proprietors of the said Rights as aforementioned in the Case of Perrys town



Also Six Persons have begun improving on certain Lots but are not resident in said Town the said Lots to be confirmed to the Improvers on the Conditions mentioned above in the Case of Perrys town

Also nine Persons have fell'd some few Trees but made no actual improvement on certain to be left to the Consideration of the Proprietors.

Portsmouth  
15<sup>th</sup> Aug<sup>t</sup> 1771—

J Fisher  
W<sup>m</sup> Whipple } Committee  
Peter Pearse }

To the Proprietors of Masons Patent at their Meeting this Day

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[*Complaint about Road, 1771.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 8, p. 39.]

Merrimack Sept<sup>r</sup> 23<sup>d</sup> 1771

Sir There is a piece of land belonging to Mason's proprietors, lying between Parrystown & Almsbury, commonly called the Gore, through which the road from Boscawen to Charlestown passes. You being usually the Moderator of s<sup>d</sup> proprietors meetings, I have taken the liberty of applying to you, to inform that the Com<sup>tee</sup> appointed to see that road compleated, employed people last Fall to cut Trees out of the way, that Horses & Sleds might pass, & it must be compleated very soon, all the rest of road, except through Hereford (w<sup>ch</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Fisher engages shall be done immediately) is fit for Teams to pass. It wou'd be a great hardship, and is what the proprietors, we presume, do not desire, that those people who at a great expence, have made a good Road thirty or forty miles, should be deprived of the benefit of it, thro the want of abo<sup>t</sup> a mile & an half, it being not more than that thro' the Gore. We have tried several persons & their price is near Eighteen pounds L m<sup>y</sup> ̄ mile this may appear an extravagant demand but the difficulties that attend making a Road there, owing to its being very Rocky, uneven & so soft in many place as to require Causeying, & several bridges to build, must necessarily make it expensive. We expect an answer very soon from some of them what will be their Lowest price w<sup>ch</sup> we do not expect will be much short of the sum mention'd. If the proprietors can do it cheaper, we shal rejoice at it & be glad to be eased of the trouble

I am S<sup>r</sup> with great Respect

Y<sup>r</sup> most hble serv<sup>t</sup>

E' G' Lutwyche

The Hon<sup>ble</sup> Theo Atkinson Esq<sup>r</sup>

[*Atkinson to Jaffrey about Foregoing Complaint, 1771.*]

[*Masonian Papers, Vol. 8, p. 40.*]

Portsm<sup>o</sup> Octob<sup>r</sup> 9—1771

7 o Clk A M

S<sup>r</sup> I rec<sup>d</sup> the Enclosed Letter this moment & being unacquainted with the methods taken by the Proprietors can make no proper answer to Coll Lutwyche & which I must beg to referr to you & any others of the Propriety this Way must be cutt at our Expencc or the Land will be Sold & I Question wether in will Sell for more than will make the road—I wish the weather & your Leizure would permit you to See some others & give Coll Lutwych Powar to Agree with Persons to finish our Parte if he (being one of the Com<sup>tee</sup>) agrees we can have no future demand if otherways we may have disagreeable afterclaps I hope you'l write the Coll on the Affair I am with much respect

Your obliged Humble Ser<sup>t</sup>  
Theodore Atkinson

[*Answer from Col. Lutwyche, 1771.*]

[*Masonian Papers, Vol. 8, p. 41.*]

Merrimack Oct<sup>r</sup> 21. 1771

Sir

Your favor of the 8<sup>th</sup> 8<sup>o</sup> post I rec<sup>d</sup> & should have answer'd on his return, but when he call'd on me, it slip'd my mind; w<sup>ch</sup> neglect I take the earliest opp<sup>y</sup> of atoning for, by informing you, that I shall do every thing in my power, to get the Road compleated upon reasonable terms. A person was with me this morning, who insisted on Twelve pounds 8<sup>o</sup> Mile but we did not come to any agreement, if I can't get it done cheaper must come to his Terms.

It will give we great pleasure to render either you or the proprietors any service in the power of

Sir Your most Obed  
Hble serv<sup>t</sup>

E G Lutwyche

The Hon<sup>ble</sup> Geo Jaffrey Esq<sup>r</sup>



[*Lutwyche to Jaffrey, 1771.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 8, p. 42.]

Merrimack Dec<sup>r</sup> 2<sup>d</sup> 1771

Sir

I thought the Road, thro' the Gore, was near compleated: and your favor of the 22<sup>d</sup> w<sup>ch</sup> came to hand the 30<sup>th</sup>, did not a little perplex me, w<sup>ch</sup> I was relieved from last night, by receiving information that the person I had agreed with to finish it, when he view'd the Road was discourag<sup>d</sup> from undertaking it, at twelve pounds ~~per~~ Mile. The Season is so far advanced, it is now, next to impossible to compleat it 'till next Spring, so that necessity supplies the place of inclination, to comply with your request, in behalf of the proprietors.

The Road is, to be sure, very bad to make, & I made enquiry if that was the best place for a Road, & rec<sup>d</sup> information it was; It seems they could have found a place less Rocky but more Hilly, w<sup>ch</sup> would not so well accomodate the public. The Com<sup>tee</sup> you will easily see, have no Authority to Lay out a road, but were to see one made where it was mark'd; Yet we have alter'd it in several places, & should have done the same in the Gore, if we could have seen any advantage that would have resulted from it. We shall nevertheless rejoice if a better can be found. There was something done on that Road, by our ord<sup>r</sup>, to enable horses to pass last Fall; the expence of w<sup>ch</sup> I will Lay before you soon.

The Com<sup>tee</sup> flatter themselves that the public spiritness of the proprietors, will induce them to take the earliest opportunity in the Spring, to have the Road finish'd, as the new settlements Suffer many inconveniencs for want of it, & they in a great measure lose the benefit of the expence of making a Road from Charlestown

It will at all times give me pleasure to evince my respect for the proprietors & to convince you how much I am

Sir Y<sup>r</sup> very hble serv<sup>t</sup>

E G Lutwyche

[*Petition for More Time, 1772.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 8, p. 43.]

To the Grantees of John Tuften Mason Esq<sup>r</sup>

The Memorial of a Com<sup>tee</sup> from the Proprietors of Perrys Town So Called humbly Sheweth

Whereas it was resolved Some Months Ago by a Com<sup>tee</sup> of the

Masonian Proprietors that the Proprietors of Said Perrys Town Should Surrender to the Masonian proprietors fifteen rights in Said Town for their Neglect to perform the Conditions of their Grant and for granting a further term for Settle<sup>t</sup>—A Copy of which resolve was laid before the proprietors of Said Town in their Meeting on the 5th day of November last when it was Voted and Resolved Viz “we “think the terms proposed too hard and that our Com<sup>tee</sup> apply to “the Masonian Proprietors or their Com<sup>tee</sup> for More favourable terms” —we Therefore Pray that you will Again take the matter under consideration—and as it is difficult now to determine what rights Should be forfeited we request that you will grant Us a Term not more then one year to Compleat the Settle<sup>t</sup> conditioned for a full and final forfeiture of all the rights that Shall not be duly Setled in that term or Such other terms And Conditions as You may think reasonable

Portsm<sup>o</sup> May : 1772

Enoch Bartlet  
Josiah Bartlett

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[*Letter from Town Committee, 1772.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 8, p. 44.]

To the Com<sup>tee</sup> of Masons Propriety Gent :

Your proposals of the 29<sup>th</sup> of May was laid before the proprietors of Perrys Town in their Meeting on the 8<sup>th</sup> of June instant when it was Voted that we As a Com<sup>tee</sup> Should apply to the Masonian Proprietors and fully Settle terms as we might think proper, But as it was a thin Meeting and Not quallified for Such vote and many of the Greatest Proprietors do object to the Proceedings or to any application at present therefore we cannot pretend to fully adjust and Settle the affair—

The terms proposed are Such that it does Amount to Ten dollars on Each right those that are Setled included, which Are far harder then we expected or yet hope for For by them not only the rights of many may be forfeited but their Bonds also, and they who pay the money if but 40 or 50 in Number will be obliged to defray the whole Charge as a Town for highways Preaching &c which would put those who incline to go forward into a perplex'd Situation

There can be no application regularly made by a Com<sup>tee</sup> with power to close the affair till a meeting is called for that purpose

As Some of the principal Proprietors are averse to making proposals we do conclude that it would be best for all Such of the delinquent Proprietors as are willing to Join in a Petition To request of the



Masonian Proprietors, that they may on reasonable terms with Proper Conditions be quieted in their rights by a Grant Made to them of their Respective rights by the former grant and of all the Remainder of the 60 rights in S<sup>d</sup> Town (those which are adjudg'd Setled Excepted) with a reserve that Said Remainder not Setled Shall be for the petitioners associated, they for Some Months giving preference to those who were proprietors of them by the former grant and after that term of months to Such persons as they may admit on reasonable terms

We would propose that if every other Proprietor on admission or at the making the grant give Bond for a due Settlem<sup>t</sup> it may also be enjoined on those who have Setled there And Not compleated their Settlements—And considering the advantage the Masonian Prop<sup>rs</sup> may expect by forfeited rights and on the forfeiture of Bonds we conclude that they will be content with four or five dollars for the reinstating each delinquent—And we pray that they will consider And State the terms And Conditions they would Make with Such Petitioners and it will Oblige a Considerable Number of Said Proprietors—and y<sup>r</sup> Humb<sup>e</sup> Serv<sup>ts</sup>—

June 16<sup>th</sup> 1772—

Enoch Bartlet  
Timothy Ladd

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[*Proposals of Masonian Proprietors, 1772.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 8, p. 45.]

Portsmouth July 22<sup>d</sup> 1772 Mem<sup>o</sup> of the 2<sup>d</sup> Proposals of the Com<sup>t</sup> of Masons Propriety, to the Comt<sup>e</sup> of the Proprietors of Parrys Town, Viz<sup>t</sup>—The Grantees pay unto the Grantors £120 L M<sup>y</sup> on Acco't of the first Grant not being comply'd with—A new Charter to be made to the Grantees, with two Years time to fullfill the terms of the Old one (excepting settling a Minister), All the Rights that hath not the duty done at the Expiration of the two Years, to Revert to the Grantors—The Grantees in one Month after the two years is out to give the Grantors on Oath an Account of all the Settlements & Improvements in Said Town, Personall Security for Settlement to be give, as by the first Grant—

By desire of the Committee

Peter Pearse

[*Agreement for Settlement, 1772.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 8, p. 46.]

Province of  
New Hampshire }  
Rockingham ss } Portsmouth Aug<sup>t</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> 1772  
Memorandum of an agreement made this day,  
between the Committee of Mason's Propriety and a Committee of the  
Proprietors of Parry's Town viz<sup>t</sup> that the masonian Propriety shall  
make & execute a new grant, or charter of said Parry's Town to such  
Persons as hold under the former Grantees or Proprietors of said  
Town giving them the Liberty of two years from the 5<sup>th</sup> of Novem-  
ber next to fulfill the terms enjoined by the former grant (setling a  
minister excepted) and that the rights that hath not the duty of Set-  
tlement done on them at the expiration of said two years, shall be for-  
feited to those of the Proprietors of said Town who shall have com-  
pleted their Settlements, who shall have full power to enter on all  
such rights, and to have one year from the 5<sup>th</sup> November 1774 to per-  
form the Settlements, which being performed, shall have an absolute  
right to dispose of them as they shall think proper, but at the expir-  
ation of three years from the 5<sup>th</sup> Nov<sup>r</sup> 1772 every Grantees right or  
share in said Town whereon the duty of settlement is not fully com-  
plied with, shall revert to the Grantors their Heirs or Assigns, and  
in Consideration of said grant, or charter the said Grantees of Parry's  
Town, to give good security for the payment of one hundred Pounds  
lawfull money in three months from the Above date N B it was  
agreed before Signing that one Year More be Alow<sup>d</sup> for Settlem<sup>t</sup>

Enoch Bartlet  
Josiah Bartlett  
Timothy Ladd  
Sam<sup>ll</sup> White

Mem<sup>o</sup> it is a Gree'd by the Proprietors of Masons Patent that a  
Grant be made out agreable to the within Agreement the Grantees  
complying on their part, with the agreement

Portsm<sup>o</sup> Aug<sup>t</sup> 13<sup>th</sup> 1772 at the Proprietors Meeting

attest. Geo : Jaffrey Prop<sup>rs</sup> Cl

Portsm<sup>o</sup> Aug<sup>t</sup> 12 1773 Rec<sup>d</sup> of Enoch Bartlet of Haverhill Esq<sup>r</sup>  
Fifty Pounds Lawfull money in part of the within mentioned Sum of  
One hundred Pound and it is Agreed by the Said Bartlett in behalf  
of the Committee for Parrys Town so Called, with the Committee of  
Masons Proprietors that Interest shall be paid for the within men-  
tioned One hundred Pounds from the time it was Payable by the



within Agreement to the payment of the same with said Interest, and that notwithstanding the money be not paid Agreeable to said Agreement. Yet at the next meeting of the Proprietors which stands adjourn<sup>d</sup> to Wednesday next the Proprietors will Pass the Grant Agreed upon on Payment of the Remainder of the money and Interest afores<sup>d</sup> or good Security for Payment of the Same with y<sup>e</sup> Interest within Six Months from this Date—

By Order and in Behalf of said Proprietors Committee—

a Copy

Geo Jaffrey

[*Petition of Jonathan Carleton, 1772.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 8, p. 47.]

To the Honorabell Gentelmen Purchasers of the Honor<sup>l</sup> John Tufften masons Patten in the Province of New Hamps<sup>hr</sup> in New England—The Petision of the Subscriber Humbly Sheweth—That whereas I am apointed by the Honora<sup>bl</sup> Judge of Probates for the Countey of Rockingham, Gardean and trustee of the Estate of Thomas Hale of Adkinson minor, Sone and onely heir of Thomas Hale of Hampstead who Deceas<sup>t</sup> aboute Seventeen years Since—and Left Thomas Hale of Said Adkinson Granfather to the Said Thomas Hale minor Survifeing his Sone Thomas of Hampstead, Gave by will to his Granson Thomas a Rite in Perrys Town So Caul<sup>d</sup> and through the Neglect of frinds, or Sume misfortune, the Said write is not Setled according to the Charter of Said Town Ship and thereby forfeited, and Your Petisionor Since apointed Gardean as afores<sup>d</sup> which is of Late, hath paid all Charge on s<sup>d</sup> write, In Clearing the Grate Roade through S<sup>d</sup> Town, and as your Honor<sup>s</sup> hath agreed with the propriators of S<sup>d</sup> Township for a Sertain Sum of money, and Gave them a further Limated time for the Settlement thereof, your petisionor prays your Honors to Consider this promising Youth, and bestow upon him his parte of the Charge on his Rite, for the Sum of money agreed for, for the new Charter and privalage in further Setling Said Town, and Since the S<sup>d</sup> Thomas hath bin under my Care, I have Bound him oute to a Trade, and he haveing no money Left him by his father, nor any Incum of the Estate Left him by his Granfather, your petisionor prays Your Honors, to take the affair Into Consideration and bestow that Charity that in your wisdom Shall think fit——

And Your Petisionor In Dutey Bound Shall Ever pray

Dated Hampstead Septe<sup>m</sup> 11 1772—

Jonathan Carleton

[*Sutton Charter Renewed, 1773.*]

[Masonian Proprietors' Records, Aug. 18, 1773.]

Province of } Portsmouth August 18<sup>th</sup> 1773, Wednesday three  
New Hampshire } of the Clock afternoon at the dwelling house of  
James Stoodly Esq<sup>r</sup> Innholder, The Proprietors meet according to  
Adjournment—

Whereas the said Proprietors on the thirtieth day of November A D 1749. Granted to Thomas Whitacre, John Ayer jun<sup>r</sup> John Pecker and others, a certain tract of land of the quantity of Six miles square, commonly called by the name of Parrys Town, bounded as it is at large set forth in said Grant, on certain Terms and under such limitations and conditions as are contained in the same Grant, as will fully appear by reference thereto—And Whereas the said Proprietors afterwards at a legal meeting held at Portsmouth by adjournment on Wednesday the twenty seventh day of November, A D 1751. at the house of Ann Slayton, upon farther consideration of said Grant, and for further encouragement to those of said Grantees who had complied or should duly comply with the conditions and terms of said Grant, Voted that said Proprietors Grant, remise, release, assign, sett over, convey & confirm to the said Grantees last mentioned, all the right and property of the said Grantors, to such forfeitures and forfeited Shares, as were, or should be forfeited, according to the true intent and meaning of the conditions of said first Grant, to hold to said last mentioned Grantees upon condition that they settle or cause the same to be settled according to the true intent and meaning of said first Grant, but in default thereof the same to remain and revert to the said Grantors, as mention'd in said first Grant, as will among other things fully appear by said Vote.—

Whereas the said Proprietors at their legal Meeting held at Portsmouth aforesaid on Monday the twenty fourth day of February A D 1752 by adjournment at the house of Ann Slayton, by another Vote in addition to said lastmentioned Vote, granted and allowed the Term of one year to the Grantees of the said forfeited Shares, their respective Heirs & Assigns, according to the true intent of said second vote, to perform the settlement thereof (according to the terms of said first Grant) to be computed from the time that each respective forfeiture accrued, or should Accrue,—And Whereas the time for the performance of the conditions contained in said first and additional Grants, is long past, and the conditions thereof unperformed, whereby the property of said Granted Lands, hath reverted to the said Grantors, and for the breach of said conditions, the said Grantors have reentered into & upon each of said Shares, and thereby have become reseized of the whole of said Granted Land. And



Whereas the said Grantees, and their assigns being duly convinced that said Land is justly forfeited according to the conditions of said first Grant, and having solicited said Grantors to indulge the said Grantees and their Assigns, with a longer time to perform the conditions of the said first Grant, and to dispence with the settlement of a Minister according to one condition Mention'd in said first Grant, and the said Grantors being desirous to encourage the settlement of said Land, and to give said Grantees, and their Assigns all reasonable indulgence for that Purpose.—Therefore (according to agreement made with said Grantees the 7<sup>th</sup> day of August 1772)—

Voted That the said Thomas Whitacre, John Ayer jun<sup>r</sup> John Pecker and others mention'd in said first Grant, and their respective Heirs and Assigns have two years from the fifth day of November next, to perform the conditions limitations & Reservations contained in the said first Grant, (Except the settling a Minister there, which condition only, is hereby released by said Grantors) that all the Rights or Shares in said Granted lands, whereon the duty of settlement shall not be performed, within the said term of two Years last-mention'd, in manner as mention'd in said first Grant, shall be forfeited and belong to such of said Grantees, their heirs and Assigns, as shall have compleated their settlements and performed their duty according to said Grant within the said farther term of two years aforesaid, and such Grantees, their respective heirs and assigns shall have full power to enter upon such forfeited Rights or shares, and become seized & possessed thereof to his or their own use forever, upon condition that such Grantee or Grantees as shall have performed his or their duty in manner aforesaid, shall perform the duty required by the said first Grant and this additional Grant, upon such forfeited Right or Share within one year after the Expiration of said two Years, but in case the duty required to be done by said Grant (except as before excepted) on each particular right or Share in said granted premises agreeable to the further term of time hereby granted, is not performed, Then each and every such right or Share there shall be forfeited, and revert to the said Grantors their Heirs and Assigns, as though this Grant had never been made, & it shall be lawfull for the said Grantors, their heirs or assigns or any person under them, to reenter into, and become reseized of each and every such forfeited Right or share in s<sup>d</sup> granted premises To Have and to Hold said Granted Premises with the Appurtenances thereof, to them the said Grantees their heirs and Assigns, upon the conditions, Reservations & Limitations contained in this and the said first Grant, to and for the use and benefit of the said Grantees, their heirs and Assigns forever.—

[*Surveyor's Report on Three Lots, 1808.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 8, p. 48.]

Suton August 30<sup>th</sup> 1808—

Sir at your request we the Subscribers have been to Sutton and after Surveying and New Spotting tthe lines round the lots N<sup>o</sup> 5 & 7 we thought it best to Divide them into Small lots which we have done as you may See by the plan of the Same—agreeable to your request we inform that Ninety Acres has been Sold off of N<sup>o</sup> 5 by M<sup>r</sup> Samuel Peasley Cunstable for Peristown in the year 1777 for taxes and other Due charges to Peter Peasley, and fifty acers of s<sup>d</sup> land by s<sup>d</sup> Peter conveyed to Caleb Kimbal who now lives on s<sup>d</sup> primises the remainder forty acres was by s<sup>d</sup> Peter conveyed to James Taylor & by James Taylor, to Joseph Town who now ocopies s<sup>d</sup> land—

We further State that M<sup>r</sup> Caleb Kimbal has made Some improvements on A part of the remainder of N<sup>o</sup> five

We also have Surveyed N<sup>o</sup> 7 and divided it into three lots as you may See by the plan but as to its Quality we must give it but an indiferant recommendation

It appears there is two men by the Name of John and William Palmer's who Say they had incuragement from you for the Sale of s<sup>d</sup> land and on that incuragement they have ventured to make Some improvements and are now living on s<sup>d</sup> premises, who wishes Still to purches if s<sup>d</sup> land can be had on Reasonable terms

As to N<sup>o</sup> Six we are unable to give you a full Discription thereof but by what we have Seen by going round s<sup>d</sup> land it appears there is Some good land thereon and A man by the Name of Chase has cut down 2 or 3 acers on s<sup>d</sup> lot and left it as it is—

You will find by the plan at the Easterly Eend of s<sup>d</sup> lots there is A line Sixty Rods from the line of s<sup>d</sup> lots marked fully with the pen (which appears by information from the inhabitants and other Record of the town called the Gore) to be the town line of Sutton, if that be true s<sup>d</sup> lots will hold out largely in measure and may Still be Surveyed, But we could not See our way Clear to Survey said land without further information which mus be attended with Some Expence as s<sup>d</sup> information cannot be had without Runing the town line from corner to corner, Except the town of Sutton and the Gore so called Shall Establish the Same—

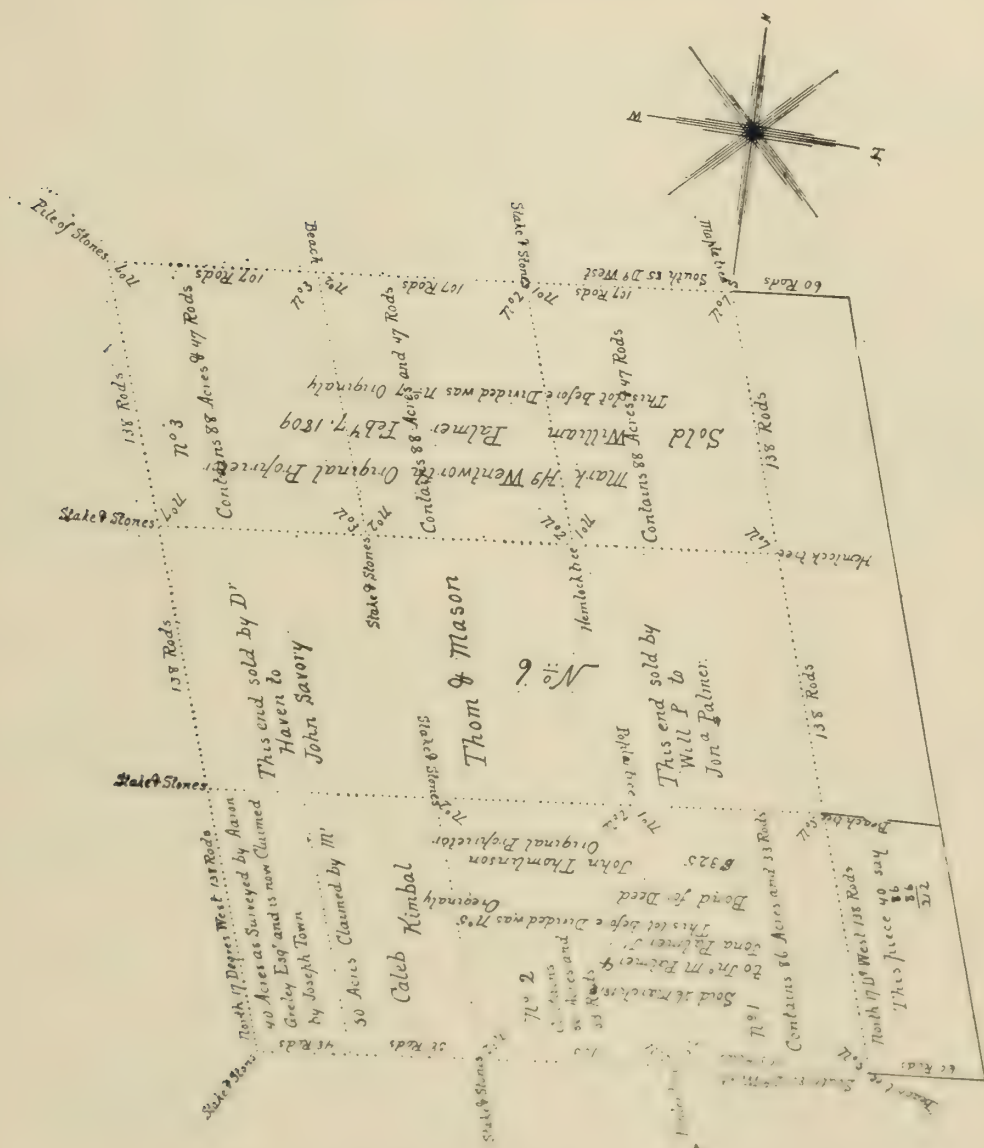
As to the land which we Surveyed for you in the town of Washington the Sumer past we are not capasiated to give you A Just Estimate thereof, as we onely traversed the outlines of s<sup>d</sup> land, but if you would wis to have our Estimate the Expence will be but trifling as we could in the cource of two Dayes inspect the whole of s<sup>d</sup> land



Application is made for A part of the above mentioned land in Washington

Samuel Gunnison  
Stephen Hoyt Jun<sup>r</sup>

[*Plan of Aforesaid Lots.*]



This plan laid down by A Scale of 40 Rods to an Inch Drawn for John Pierce Esq<sup>r</sup> of Portsmouth at the request of Capt Samuel Gunion of Fishersfield, By Stephen Hoyt Jun<sup>r</sup> of Bradford, Surveyors fees





[*Petition of Town Proprietors, 1768.*]

[*Masonian Papers, Vol. 8, p. 49.*]

To the Purchassers of the Patent, of John Tufton Mason Esq. Lying in the Province of New Hampshire—

The Petition of the Proprietors, of the Township of Tamworth Humbly Sheweth—

That the late Governor, Granted to your Petitioners, the Township, of Tamworth, Lying Eastward of Sandwich, in said Province, & adjoining the Patent line.—

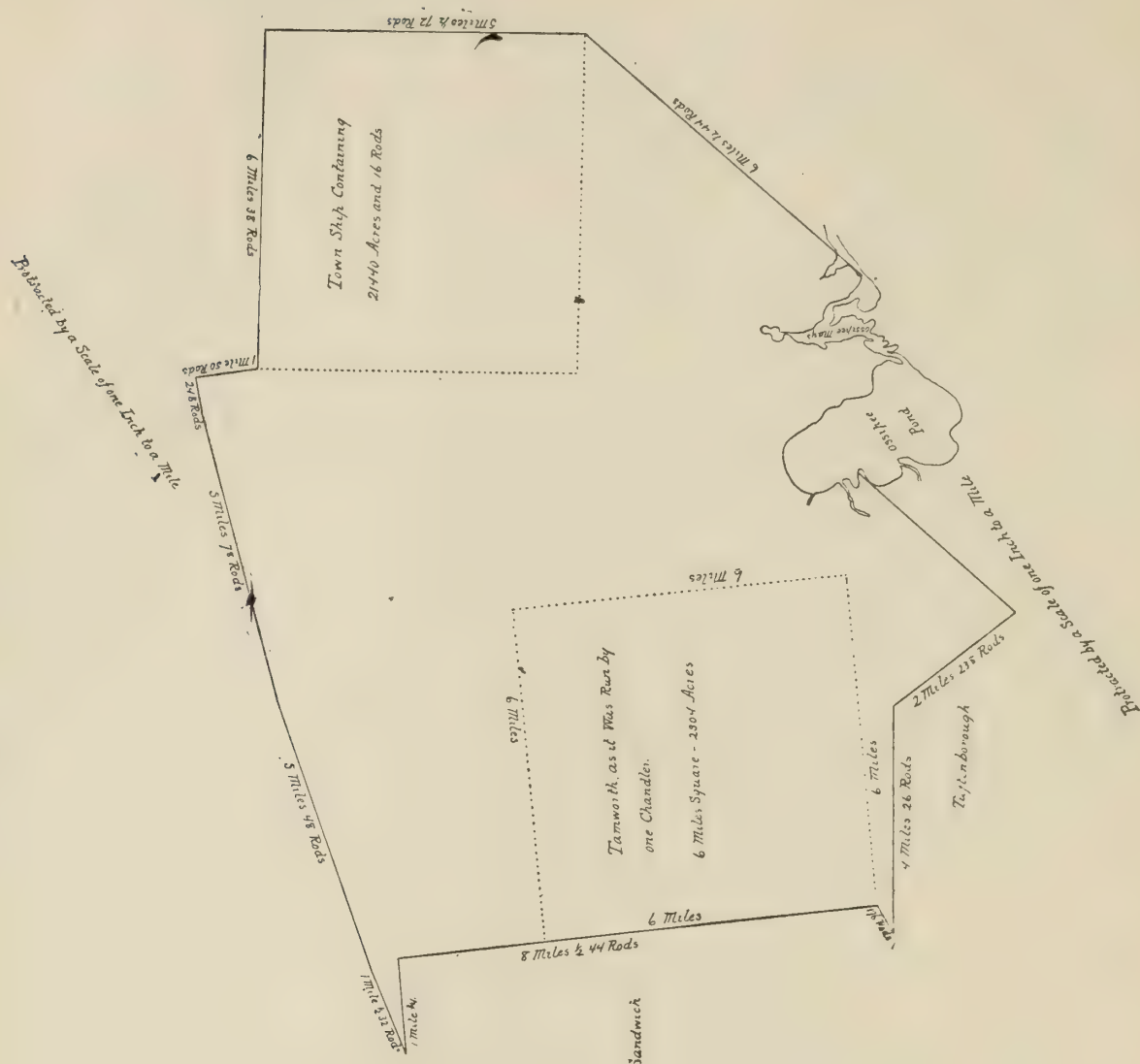
And your Petitioners, have been at great Expence, Relative to said Township; first to Obtain, the Grant, thereof. Secondly, in Petitioning his present, Excellency, to Ycertain the Bounds of the abovesaid Sandwich, the Proprietors of Which, were Endeavoring, to take two, or three, Miles, of the Best of said Tamworth, where it Joins their, Easterly line. And Whereas, the Dividing line, between the Kings, & the Abovesaid Patent Land, Begining, at the Sea, & Extending Northward, sixty miles; has latly been Run, by order of his Excellency, John Wentworth Esq. Captain, General, &c in behalf of his Majestie, & by order of your Honours, in Behalf of the Patent; by Gentlemen of well known, Capacity, & fidelity, which line Inclueds the whole Township, of Tamworth Aforesaid, within the Bounds, of the Abovesaid Patent.—And Whereas, we have Good Reason, to believe, that the said Dividing line, as lately Run, will be Established, to perpetuity. And many of us, being Ready, able, & willing, to make Immediate settlement, on having a Legal title, to the Premises. We therefor, by our Agents, pray yours Honours, to take the Premises, under Consideration, & Grant us, the Abovesaid Township, of Tamworth, with such additions, & on such Conditions, as you Judge most Conducive, to the Benefit of Grantors, & Grantees, & your Petitioners, as in Duty Bound, &c.

September, 23<sup>d</sup> A D 1768.—

Matthew Thornton  
James Cochran  
John Dow  
Josiah Norris  
Jacob Rundlet  
John Davidson

Steph<sup>n</sup> Holland  
Benj<sup>a</sup> Dow  
Joseph Prescot  
Josiah Rundlet  
John Webster

## [Plan of Tamworth.]



[Criticism of Dudley's Road, 1776.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 8, p. 50.]

Mem<sup>o</sup> Nov<sup>r</sup> 28<sup>th</sup> 1776 Cap<sup>t</sup> Dudley's Road the first half Mile or thereabout from Duncan<sup>s</sup> or Bare Pond to be cut Straight, Wider & Stump lower The remainder of the Road to Lovel River will Answer for Wedth but what Crossway<sup>s</sup> & Bridging there is not quite Suffi-  
 cient, some few Trees & some partly cut down to be clear'd Out & Stumps cut Lower; The Remainder of the Road into Tamworth which is chiefly Pine will do except the cutting out the stool Oaks in some





Province of } Pursuant, to Direction of Survey.—To me Requested By the Committee of Mason's Patent.—I have Surveyed & Run y<sup>e</sup> lines of a tract of Vacant Land lying & being  
Newhamshire } Within the S<sup>d</sup> patent line—between y<sup>e</sup> Province line and Sandwich Moultonborough and Tufteborough, one Way and Between ossipee pond and the Patent line y<sup>e</sup> other Way as followeth  
(viz) Beginning at a Pich pine Tree on the Northly side of ossipee River and Mays on Lovelts Town line Spotted & marked With y<sup>e</sup> letters—J H. 1775, from thence Running North 48 Degrees East Six Miles 204  
Rods to a yellow birch tree on the Province line Marked J: H 1775:—L: T. from thence Running North 8 Degrees East 5 Miles 232 Rods to a beech Tree Marked: S: E: C: J H 1775 it being S: E: Corner of  
Conway from thence running North 82 Degrees West Six Miles 38 Rods to a White Maple tree Marked S: W: C 1775: J H: it being y<sup>e</sup> S. W. Corner of Conway from thence running North one Mile 50 Rods to a  
White birch tree Marked: J H. 1775 from thence Running S 86 Degrees West 248 Rods to a White pine Tree marked: from thence Running South 82 Degrees West five Miles: 78 Rods to a Spruce tree Marked and  
spotted from thence Running South 78 Degrees West five miles 48 Rods to a Spruce tree spotted and Marked from thence South 78 Degrees West, one Mile 192 Rods to a spruce tree Spotted & marked J H. 1775. Gore.  
from thence on the North side line of Sandwich Sanding on y<sup>e</sup> Westly Side of a mountain from thence Running East one Mile  $\frac{3}{4}$  to a beech tree Marked W. Bryant, N. E. C. 1775 it being N E. Corner of Sandwich  
from thence Running South eight Miles  $\frac{1}{4}$  and 44 Rods to a Red oak Tree Marked S: E: C: it being y<sup>e</sup> S E Corner of Sandwich from thence Running South 63 Degrees West. 167 Rods to a beech Tree Marked  
T: B: M B. 1771 it being y<sup>e</sup> North westly Corner of Tufteborough from thence Running S 85<sup>o</sup> Degrees East four Miles 26 Rods to a Rock Maple tree Marked T B: J H. 1775 it being y<sup>e</sup> Northly Corner of  
Tufteborough from thence Running South 31<sup>o</sup> Degrees East Course two Miles 238 Rods to a beech tree Marked J H 1774 J L. J H. 1775 it being y<sup>e</sup> North westly Corner of that tract of Land I lay'd out last Summer  
into five hundred acres lots from thence Running North 48 East on the five hundred acres lots three Miles 256 Rods to ossipee Pond at a button wood or pear Tree Marked J H. 1774: J L: A L: from thence  
Running on y<sup>e</sup> Northly Side of ossipee pond and May: to the place began at—Surveyed and Run and well Spotted By—  
May 1775





places.—The Road in General is Straight & carried as Nigh Ossepe Mountain as possible to go to Tamworth being but just a Good Passable way between S<sup>d</sup> Mountain & Bare Camp River—

Henry Rust

[*Memoranda*, 1777.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 8, p. 50.]

The Rode to be Repaired from Wakefield to Levits Town—and Cap<sup>t</sup> John Lovit of Levits Town and Cap<sup>t</sup> Benj<sup>a</sup> Levit of North Hill will Undertake to do It—If Can Agree with the Proprietors—

July 16, 1777 M<sup>r</sup> Joshua Nichason and others are apprehensive that by their Settlements under Col<sup>o</sup> Moulton in Tamworth that they have Got Beyond his Line, upon the Proprietors Claim in the Un-granted Lands therefore desire that If it shou'd Appear so that they have Got upon said Land, woud be Glad to be Quieted by the Proprietors upon Such Terms as they Can Agree—

[*Petition for Repairs on Road*, 1779.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 8, p. 51.]

To the Proprietors Purchasers of John Tufton Mason Esq<sup>rs</sup> Claim in New Hampshire—

The Petition of the Subscribers Inhabitants of Sandwich Tamworth & places adjacent, Humbly shew, that a good & proper Waggon Road from Tamworth through your Land to Wolfborough is much wanted: the present Road for that Purpose made by Cap<sup>t</sup> Dudley & others, wanting great Repairs, & is in every Respect unfit for passing with any kind of Carriages & exclusive of the Necessary Repairs of the Road Two considerable Bridges on the same Road are of absolute Necessity to render said Road useful, the one of said Bridges over Lovels River & the other over Beach River; the want of which has put the Publick in this Quarter to great Inconvenience in carrying on their Business—Wherefore your Petitioners pray that you woud erect said Bridges & make said Road fit for passing with Waggons as soon as may be & your Petitioners shall pray.

Novem<sup>r</sup> 20<sup>th</sup> 1779

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|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------|
| Ebenezer meloon             | David Folsom                | Mark Blackey      |
| Jeremy Bryent               | Jacob Brown                 | John Hubbard      |
| Ezekiel Mortton             | Winthrop Smith              | Bradbury Jewell   |
| John Tappen                 | Henry Weed                  | Stephen Scribner  |
| Nathaniel Weed              | Bagly Weed                  | Ezekiel French    |
| Moses weed                  | nehenah Cram                | Samuel Tappen     |
| Stephen mason               | Benj <sup>a</sup> Brown     | Elezer Chambelin  |
| Jonathan Page               | Nath <sup>l</sup> watson    | Daniel Beede      |
| Nathan Beede                | Jacob Jewell                | Aaron Beede       |
| Nathaniel Ethridge          | Elias Ladd Ju <sup>r</sup>  | Thomas Burley     |
| Enoch True                  | Joshua Prescut              | Josiah Been       |
| John Prescut                | Daniel Beede J <sup>r</sup> | Timothy Medar     |
| James Chase                 | John Jewell                 | Victorious Smith  |
| william Eastman             | Enoch Remeck                | Duncan mcNaughton |
| Nathan <sup>l</sup> Shannon | John Sanderson              | Enoch Sanderson   |
|                             | Philip Burdoc               |                   |

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[ *Warning against Trespass*, 1782.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 8, p. 52.]

State of        )   Whereas Jon<sup>a</sup> Moulton of Hampton in said State,  
New Hamp<sup>re</sup>    )   hath lately advertised in the Boston & New Hamp<sup>r</sup>  
Gazzets, sundry Lots of Land in the Townships as he calls them of  
Eaton, Tamworth &c & to which he has no just Title.—These are  
therefore to caution all Persons against purchasing any of said rights,  
which are within the Line of Masons Grant, the Proprietors of which  
have now a Surveyor employed in running out the same lands, which  
when compleated they shall dispose of, And as the said Proprietors by  
their advertisement, published in the New Hampshire Gazette, Nov<sup>r</sup>  
23, 1770 — warned all Persons against trespassing on or entering  
into those Lands owned by them, they now repeat the caution, being  
determined to prosecute every such Person, to the utmost rigor of the  
Law in behalf and by order of Said Proprietors

Portsm<sup>o</sup> 29 March 1782

Geo: Jaffrey Prop<sup>rs</sup> Cl

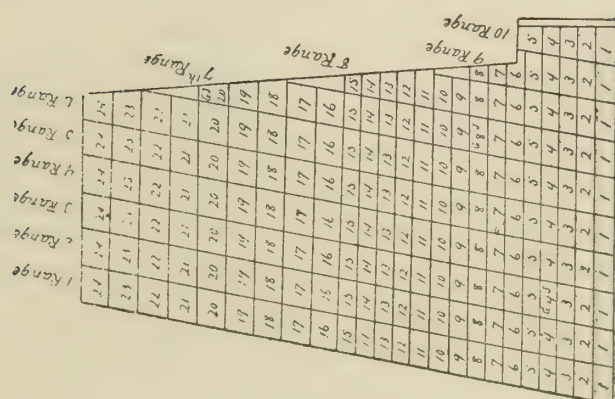


# TEMPLE.

[Granted by the Masonian Proprietors June 30, 1750, as *Peterborough Slip*, also known as *Sliptown*, which included the town of Sharon. Incorporated as Temple Aug. 26, 1768, and named in honor of John Temple. A dispute about a strip of land between this town and New Ipswich terminated in favor of Temple. "Borland's Farm" was annexed Jan. 12, 1781. A portion of Peterborough was annexed Jan. 29, 1789, and a portion of Lyndeborough June 11, 1796.

See Massachusetts and New Hampshire charters in preceding volumes; XIII, Hammond Town Papers, 547; Index to Laws, 540; sketch, Hurd's History of Hillsborough County, 1885, p. 672; History, by H. A. Blood, 1860, pp. 352; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, p. 242; Baptist Churches in N. H., by E. E. Cummings, 1836, p. 10; Glass-Making in the Merrimack Basin, by E. Brown, Old Residents' Historical Association, Contributions, vol. 2, p. 180; The Miller Mission, by F. M. Colby, 3, Granite Monthly, 6.]

[Plan of Peterborough Slip.]



This is a plan of the Township Called Petersborough Slip As Lotted out the Ranges Are 160 rods in Wedth and the first fifteen Courses of lotts Are Eighty rods wide the Remainder are One Hundred And twenty the East line is North And South the South line is N<sup>o</sup> 80. W. the West line Parellell with the East the North line East & West Finished Oct<sup>r</sup> 1750 @ Sam<sup>l</sup> Cumings Sury<sup>r</sup>

Copy From y<sup>e</sup> Files of the Prop<sup>rs</sup> of the Above Township Exam<sup>d</sup> @ Joseph Blanchard Jun<sup>r</sup> Prop<sup>rs</sup> Clerk

[*Charter of Peterborough Slip, 1750.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 8, p. 53, and Proprietors' Records, Vol. 6, p. 147.]

Province of } Pursuant To the Power and Authority Granted  
New Hampshire } and Vested In me by the Prop<sup>rs</sup> of Lands Purchased of John Tuffton Mason Esq<sup>r</sup> in the Province of New Hamp<sup>re</sup> aforesaid by them passed at their Meeting Held at Portsmouth In said Province the 16<sup>th</sup> of June 1749—

I Do by thes Presents on the Termes and Limitations hereafter Expressed Give & Grant all the Right possession and Property of the Prop<sup>s</sup> aforesaid Unto Zacheus Lovewell Pelegg Lawrance John Combs James Kelly Sampson French Jonathan Hubbard Benj<sup>a</sup> French Jonathan Cumings Jun<sup>r</sup> Samuel Greele Peter Powers William Spaulding John Lovewell Jun<sup>r</sup> John Hubbard John Gage Jonathan Hubbard Jun<sup>r</sup> Joseph Winn Jun<sup>r</sup> Benj<sup>a</sup> Bellows Ezra Carpenter Josiah Brown Timothy Taylor Jotham Rindge Nehemiah Abott John Fowle Robert Boyes Joseph Blanchard Jun<sup>r</sup> John Hill John Kendall Joseph French Daniel Taylor Matthew Thornton Jonathan Whitney John Stevenes Samuel Cumings Eleazer Blanchard To the Said Peter Powers three Rights to the Said Ezra Carpenter three Rights or Shares to the Said Matthew Thornton two Shares to the Said Timothy Taylor two Shares to the said Nehe<sup>h</sup> Abott two Shares the Aforenamed one Share Each, of In and to that Tract of Land or Township Lying In the Province of New Hamps<sup>r</sup> Afores<sup>d</sup> Between the Township Called Petersburrough and New Ipswich Bounded as followeth Begining at the Southwest Corner of Petersburrough Afores<sup>d</sup> and runs from thence East by the Needle Six miles to a Black Burch tree marked the Southeast Corner of Petersborough from Thence North by the Needle one Hundred rods from thence East one mile and a Quarter to the Corner of N<sup>o</sup> 2 from thence South five miles to the southwest Corner of y<sup>e</sup> Township N<sup>o</sup> 2 and the Northwest of N<sup>o</sup> 1 and the North East Corner of New Ipswich from thence North Eighty Degrees west Seven miles and a Quarter to the South East Corner of Middle Menadnock Township from thence North to the first Bounds Mentioned

To Have and to Hold to them ther Heirs and Assignes Excepting as Afores<sup>d</sup> And on the following terms And Conditions (that is to say) that the Whole Tract of Land Afores<sup>d</sup> be Divided into Sixty three Equal Shares and that Each Share Contain Lotts Equitably Coupled together and Drawn for at Dunstable at or Before the Last Day of October Next In Som Equitable maner

That three of the Afores<sup>d</sup> Shares be Granted and appropriated free from all Charge one for the first Settled Minister in said Township



for the Suport of the Ministry and one for the School there forever One Lott for Each Said Share to be first Lay'd out in the most Convenient Place Near the Middle of Said Town, and Lotts Coupled to them so as not to be Drawn for—

That Eighteen of the said Shares be Reserved for the Grantors of the Premises their Heirs and Assignes forever and aquited from all Duty And Charge Untill Improved by the Owners or Some Holding Under Each of them Respectively—

That the Other owners of the Said Rights make Settlement at their own Expençe In the following manner Viz<sup>t</sup> all the Lotts to be Lay'd out and Drawn In the following Manner at the Grantees Expençe that all the Lotts In Said Township be Subjected to have all Necessary roads Lay'd thro them free from Charge as hereafter there Shall be Ocation

That within five Yeares from the Day of the Date hereof forty of the Shares Belonging to the Afore mentioned Grantees viz<sup>t</sup> each Share Exclusive of y<sup>e</sup> Share Granted to Jotham Rindge and of one of the Shares Granted unto Peter Powers, Be Entered upon and three acres at the Least Clered Inclosed And Fited for mowing or Tillage And that within the term of one Year then Next Coming there be On each of the Said Forty Shares a house Built of a Room Sixteen feet Square at the Least fitted and finished for Comfortable dwelling in and Som person Resident therein and Continue Inhabitaney or Residance there three Years then Next Coming With the Additionall Improvements of two aceres each Year for Each Settler—

That Each of the Said Grantees at the Executing this Instrument pay twenty pounds old Ten<sup>r</sup> to Defray the Necessary Charges Risen and Ariseing in s<sup>d</sup> Township to be Deposited in the hands of Such Person as the Grantees Shall Chuse being a Freeholder and a Resident in the Province of New Hampsh<sup>r</sup> That a good Convenient Meeting house be built In Said Township as Convenient to the Settlers as may be Within two years Next after the Whole duty is to be Done as afores<sup>d</sup> and ten acres Reserved for publick use where the Said House Shall be Built

That the Aafores<sup>d</sup> Grantees or their Assignes by a Maj<sup>r</sup> Vote In Publick Meetings grant and Assess Such Further Sums of money as they Shall think necessary for Compleating and Carrying forward the Settlement afores<sup>d</sup> and any of the Grantees Exclusive of three Publick Lotts who Shall neglect for the Space of three Months Next after Such assessment Shall be Granted and made to pay the Same so much of Such Delinquents Right Respectively Shall or may be Sold as will pay the Tax and all Charges ariseing thereon by the Prop<sup>rs</sup> Com<sup>'</sup>itee appointed for That purpose—

That all White pine trees fitt for masting his Majestys Royal Navy Growing on Said Tract of Land be and Hereby Are Granted to his Majestyes his Heirs And Successors for ever—

And in Case any of the Said Grantees Shall neglect or Refuse to Perform any of the articles Aforementioned he Shall Forfet his Share & Right in Said Township and every part and Parcell thereof to those of the S<sup>d</sup> Grantees that Shall have Complied with the Conditions on their part therein Expressed and It Shall and may be Lawfull for them or any Person by their Authority to Enter into and upon the Right of Such Delinquent owner And any and every part thereof in the Name of the Whole of the Settlers That Shall Fulfill As afores<sup>d</sup> and him to amove oust and Expell for their use Their heirs and Assignes Provided they Settle or Cause to be Settled each Such Dilinquent Right within the Space of one Year at the Furthest from the Said Period that is by this Indenture Stipulated to be Don as the Condition of this Grant and fully Discharge and Comply With the whole Duty Such Delinquent Ought to have done within one Year after the Respective periods thereof and In Case the S<sup>d</sup> Grantees fullfilling on their part as afores<sup>d</sup> Shall Neglect fullfilling as Afores<sup>d</sup> the Duty of any Delinquent Owner nor he himself perform it as Afores<sup>d</sup> that then Such Share or Shares Shall be forfeited Revert and Belong to the Grantors their heirs and Assignes and be wholely at their Disposall Allways Provided there be no Indian War Within any of the Termes and Limitations afores<sup>d</sup> for doing the duty Condition'd In this Grant— And In Case that Should Happen the Sam tim to be Allowed for the Respective Matters afores<sup>d</sup> after Such Impediment Shall be Removed


Lastly the Said Grantors do hereby promis to the Said Grantees their Heirs and Assignes to Defend thro the Law to King and Councill If Need be On Action that Shall or may be Brought against them or Nomber of them by any person or persons What so ever Claiming the S<sup>d</sup> Lands or any part thereof by any other title than of the Said Grantors or that by which they hold and Derive theres from Provided the said Grantors are Avouched in to Defend the Same and that In Case on Final Tryal the same Shall be Recovered against the Grantors for the Said Lands Improvements or Expençe in Bringing forward the Settlement and further that the Said Grantors will pay the Necessary Expençe of time and money that any Other person or persons Shall be put to by any other Sute or Sutes that Shall be brought against them or any of them the S<sup>d</sup> Grantees for Tryall of the Title before one Sute Shall be fully Determined in the Law. To all Which Premises Joseph Blanchard Agent for and In Behalf of the Said Grantors on the one part and Grantees on the Other part Have here-



unto Inter Changebley Set their hands and seals this thirtyeth Day of June in the twenty fourth Year of his Majestys Reign. A D. 1750

Joseph Blanchard

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
A True Coppy of The Grant of Petersburrough Slip Attest   
Joseph Blanchard Jun<sup>r</sup> Pro<sup>s</sup> Clerk

[Draft of Lots, 1750.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 8, p. 54, and Proprietors' Records, Vol. 6, p. 153.]

| Petersburrough Slip Township.                       |    |    |   |    |    |    |   |  |  |  |  |  |
|---|----|----|---|----|----|----|---|--|--|--|--|--|
| Zacheus Lovewell . . . . .                          | I  | I  | 4 | 8  | 8  | 17 | 5 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Peleg Lawrance . . . . .                            | 2  | 2  | 4 | 16 | 6  | 13 | 8 |  |  |  |  |  |
| John Combs . . . . .                                | 4  | 2  | 2 | 14 | 6  | 11 | 7 |  |  |  |  |  |
| James Kelley . . . . .                              | 5  | 2  | I | 9  | 8  | 9  | 5 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Sampson French . . . . .                            | 10 | 7  | I | 13 | 5  | 14 | 2 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Jon <sup>a</sup> Hubbud . . . . .                   | 11 | 8  | I | I  | 8  | 9  | 7 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Benj <sup>a</sup> French . . . . .                  | 12 | 9  | I | 18 | 6  | 12 | 5 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Jon <sup>a</sup> Cumings Jun <sup>r</sup> . . . . . | 13 | 12 | I | 2  | 3  | I  | 5 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Sam <sup>l</sup> Greele Jun <sup>r</sup> . . . . .  | 14 | 13 | I | 7  | 8  | 15 | 7 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Peter Powers . . . . .                              | 17 | 4  | 8 | 12 | 2  | 13 | 3 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Peter Powers . . . . .                              | 18 | 3  | 7 | 2  | 10 | 8  | 6 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Peter Powers . . . . .                              | 19 | 4  | 7 | 8  | 4  | 15 | 2 |  |  |  |  |  |
| W <sup>m</sup> Spaulding . . . . .                  | 20 | 5  | 7 | 16 | I  | 20 | 3 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Jn <sup>o</sup> Lovewell Jun <sup>r</sup> . . . . . | 22 | 3  | 6 | 17 | 4  | 19 | 2 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Jn <sup>o</sup> Hubbard . . . . .                   | 23 | 4  | 6 | 21 | 3  | 20 | 2 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Jn <sup>o</sup> Gage . . . . .                      | 24 | 5  | 6 | 14 | 4  | 15 | 4 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Jon <sup>a</sup> Hubbard Jun <sup>r</sup> . . . . . | 25 | 2  | 6 | 15 | 6  | 12 | 8 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Jos : Winn Jun <sup>r</sup> . . . . .               | 26 | 3  | 5 | I  | I  | 3  | 2 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Benj <sup>a</sup> Bellows . . . . .                 | 27 | 5  | 2 | 2  | 9  | 9  | 6 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Ezra Carpenter . . . . .                            | 28 | 6  | 2 | 21 | 2  | 21 | I |  |  |  |  |  |
| Jose;h Brown . . . . .                              | 30 | 8  | 2 | 9  | 4  | 15 | I |  |  |  |  |  |
| Timothy Taylor . . . . .                            | 32 | 10 | 2 | 11 | 4  | 10 | 5 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Jotham Rindge . . . . .                             | 34 | 5  | 7 | 16 | 4  | 19 | I |  |  |  |  |  |
| Nehe <sup>h</sup> Abbot . . . . .                   | 35 | 6  | 3 | 23 | 5  | 18 | 2 |  |  |  |  |  |
| John Fowle . . . . .                                | 37 | 8  | 3 | 5  | 9  | 7  | 5 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Rob <sup>t</sup> Boyes Esq . . . . .                | 39 | 10 | 3 | 15 | 5  | 14 | 3 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Jos Blanchard Jun <sup>r</sup> . . . . .            | 40 | 4  | 4 | 13 | 7  | 12 | 7 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Jn <sup>o</sup> Hill Esq . . . . .                  | 41 | 5  | 4 | 13 | 2  | 20 | 6 |  |  |  |  |  |

| Petersburrough Slip Township.  |    |    |    |    |   |    |    |
|--|----|----|----|----|---|----|----|
| Jn <sup>o</sup> Kendall . . . . .  | 42 | 6  | 4  | 10 | 8 | 11 | 8  |
| Minester Lotts . . . . .   | 43 | 7  | 4  | 24 | 3 | 16 | 3  |
| Ministry Lotts . . . . .   | 44 | 4  | 5  | 8  | 5 | 11 | 6  |
| Ezra Carpenter . . . . .   | 45 | 6  | 5  | 21 | 5 | 21 | 6  |
| Jos: French . . . . .  | 46 | 7  | 6  | 17 | 6 | 11 | 5  |
| Tim <sup>o</sup> Taylor . . . . .  | 47 | 7  | 7  | 22 | 4 | 19 | 3  |
| Daniel Taylor . . . . .  | 48 | 5  | 8  | 23 | 2 | 23 | 1  |
| Matthew Thornton . . . . .   | 49 | 3  | 9  | 24 | 5 | 18 | 3  |
| Eleaz <sup>r</sup> Farwell . . . . .   | 50 | 4  | 9  | 1  | 2 | 3  | 3  |
| Matthew Thornton . . . . .   | 51 | 3  | 10 | 6  | 6 | 5  | 10 |
| Nehe <sup>h</sup> Abbot . . . . .  | 52 | 2  | 7  | 23 | 4 | 17 | 3  |
| Jon <sup>a</sup> Whitney . . . . .   | 53 | 2  | 8  | 22 | 6 | 24 | 6  |
| Matthew Thornton . . . . .   | 54 | 3  | 8  | 1  | 9 | 10 | 6  |
| Jn <sup>o</sup> Stevenes . . . . .   | 55 | 1  | 6  | 16 | 2 | 22 | 1  |
| Sam <sup>l</sup> Cumings . . . . .   | 56 | 10 | 1  | 3  | 4 | 4  | 10 |
| Ezra Carpenter . . . . .   | 57 | 11 | 1  | 23 | 3 | 21 | 4  |
| Eleaz <sup>r</sup> Blanchard . . . . .   | 60 | 10 | 4  | 19 | 6 | 19 | 7  |
| The foregoing Lotts were Drawn by the Grantees—  |    |    |    |    |   |    |    |
| Those that Follow Were Drawn by the Grantors Respective Lotts Each Entered against the name— |    |    |    |    |   |    |    |
| Matthew Livermore Esq <sup>r</sup> . . . . .   | 3  | 2  | 5  | 6  | 8 | 18 | 1  |
| M Hung <sup>s</sup> Wentworth Esq <sup>r</sup> . . . . .                                     | 6  | 3  | 1  | 12 | 3 | 20 | 4  |
| Jotham Odiorne Esq <sup>r</sup> . . . . .  | 7  | 4  | 1  | 10 | 7 | 1  | 10 |
| Nathaniel Meserve & others . . . . .   | 8  | 5  | 1  | 14 | 7 | 15 | 8  |
| Sam <sup>l</sup> Soley & March . . . . .   | 9  | 6  | 1  | 18 | 7 | 24 | 1  |
| John Wentworth Esq <sup>r</sup> . . . . .  | 15 | 14 | 1  | 16 | 7 | 14 | 8  |
| Theodore Atkinson Esq <sup>r</sup> . . . . .   | 16 | 1  | 7  | 13 | 6 | 12 | 6  |
| Jn <sup>o</sup> Rindge . . . . .   | 21 | 6  | 7  | 17 | 7 | 12 | 4  |
| John Moffatt Esq <sup>r</sup> . . . . .  | 29 | 7  | 2  | 24 | 4 | 18 | 4  |
| Rich <sup>d</sup> Webord Esq <sup>r</sup> . . . . .  | 31 | 9  | 2  | 20 | 5 | 19 | 6  |
| Geo Jaffrey Esq <sup>r</sup> . . . . .   | 33 | 4  | 3  | 8  | 7 | 20 | 7  |
| Dan <sup>l</sup> Peirce & M <sup>rs</sup> More . . . . .                                     | 36 | 7  | 3  | 14 | 5 | 17 | 2  |
| Tho <sup>s</sup> Packer Esq <sup>r</sup> . . . . .   | 38 | 9  | 3  | 17 | 1 | 20 | 1  |
| W <sup>m</sup> Parker Esq <sup>r</sup> . . . . .   | 58 | 11 | 2  | 16 | 5 | 15 | 3  |
| Joseph Blanchard Esq <sup>r</sup> . . . . .  | 59 | 11 | 3  | 22 | 5 | 23 | 6  |
| Tho <sup>s</sup> Wallingsford Esq <sup>r</sup> . . . . .                                     | 61 | 1  | 3  | 18 | 5 | 13 | 4  |
| John T: Mason & John Thomlinson Esq <sup>r</sup>   | 62 | 5  | 5  | 19 | 5 | 24 | 2  |
| Joshua Peirce . . . . .  | 63 | 21 | 2  | 22 | 3 | 22 | 2  |


The aforewritten list Was Dran And finished at Dunstable In Oco<sup>t</sup> 1750  
 Coppy Exam<sup>d</sup>  Joseph Blanchard Jr Prop<sup>s</sup> Cl



[*Acceptance of Charter, 1752.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 8, p. 55, and Proprietors' Records, Vol. 6,  
p. 155.]

Whereas Joseph Blanchard Esq as Agent for and in the name and behalf of the Prop<sup>rs</sup> of the lands in the Province of New Hampshire Purchased by them of John Tufton Mason Esq Who Sold to them under the title made to them by a Com'on Recovery—Did on the Thirtieth day of June, 1750—Grant the Contents of Twenty Thousand Acres or About that Quantity part of S<sup>d</sup> Lands Bounded as Followeth Begining at the Southwest Corner of Petersborough so Called and runs from thence East by the needle Six miles to a Black burch tree marked the Southeast Corner of Petersborough from thence north by the needle One Hundred rods from thence East One mile and A quarter to the Corner of N<sup>o</sup> two from thence South five miles to the Southwest Corner of N<sup>o</sup> 2 And the Northwest Corner of N<sup>o</sup> 1 and the Northeast Corner of New Ipswich from thence North Eighty degrees West Seven miles and a quarter to the Southwest Corner of Middle manadnock Township from thence North by the Needle to the first Bounds mentioned—Under Certain Condition Limetations & Reservations in S<sup>d</sup> Grant mentioned As by S<sup>d</sup> Grant Refference thereto had will fully Appear—unto Zacheus Lovewell Pelegg Lawrence John Combs Jon<sup>a</sup> Hubbard Joseph Wynn Jun<sup>r</sup> Benj<sup>a</sup> Bellows Ezra Carpenter James Kelley Sampson French Benjamin French Jonathan Cumings Jun<sup>r</sup> Samuel Greele Peter Powers William Spalding John Lovewell Jun<sup>r</sup> John Hubbard John Gage Jonathan Hubbard Jun<sup>r</sup> Josiah Brown Timothy Taylor Jotham Rindge Nehemiah Abbot John Fowle Robert Boyce Joseph Blanchard Jun<sup>r</sup> John Hill John Kendall Joseph French Daniel Taylor Mathew Thornton Jonathan Whitney John Stevens Samuel Cumings & Eleazer Blanchard Therefore Unanimously voted that we do hereby Accept said Title And for Our Selves Our heirs and Assigns Acknowledge that we do hold Said lands under Said Title Conditions & Limitations with the Reservations therein mentioned—

Extract from the votes of the Prop<sup>rs</sup> the Grantees of the Township Called Petersborough Slip Passed at their meeting the fourth of August 1752—Copy exam<sup>d</sup> 

Joseph Blanchard Jun<sup>r</sup> Prop<sup>s</sup> Clk

[*David Chandler's Bond, 1773.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 8, p. 56.]

Whereas the Proprietors of the Lands purchased of John Tufton Mason Esq<sup>r</sup> within the Province of New Hampshire have this Day granted to me Six hundred & nine Acres of Land in a Place called The Slip in the County of Hillsborough be the same more or less, except what Land may justly belong to Caleb Jones within the Bounds of said Grant—And the said Jones's Claim being uncertain and the quantity of land to him justly belonging being unascertained, I the Subscriber have paid & secured to be paid to said Proprietors for five hundred & thirty Acres of said Land at one Dollar <sup>per</sup> Acre—I hereby promise said Proprietors to pay them the same price for each acre above the five hundred & thirty Acres paid for, they shall give me good Title to and Possession of within said Bounds within two Years from this Date—And if s<sup>d</sup> Proprietors shall neglect to assure me a Title within s<sup>d</sup> Two Years, to any Land within s<sup>d</sup> Grant, above s<sup>d</sup> five hundred & thirty acres, then this agreement shall be void

Sept<sup>r</sup> 30<sup>th</sup> 1773

David Chandler

Interlined before  
signing the words  
within s<sup>d</sup> Bounds

Witness—

Ranna Cossit

Lucy Dudley Wainwright

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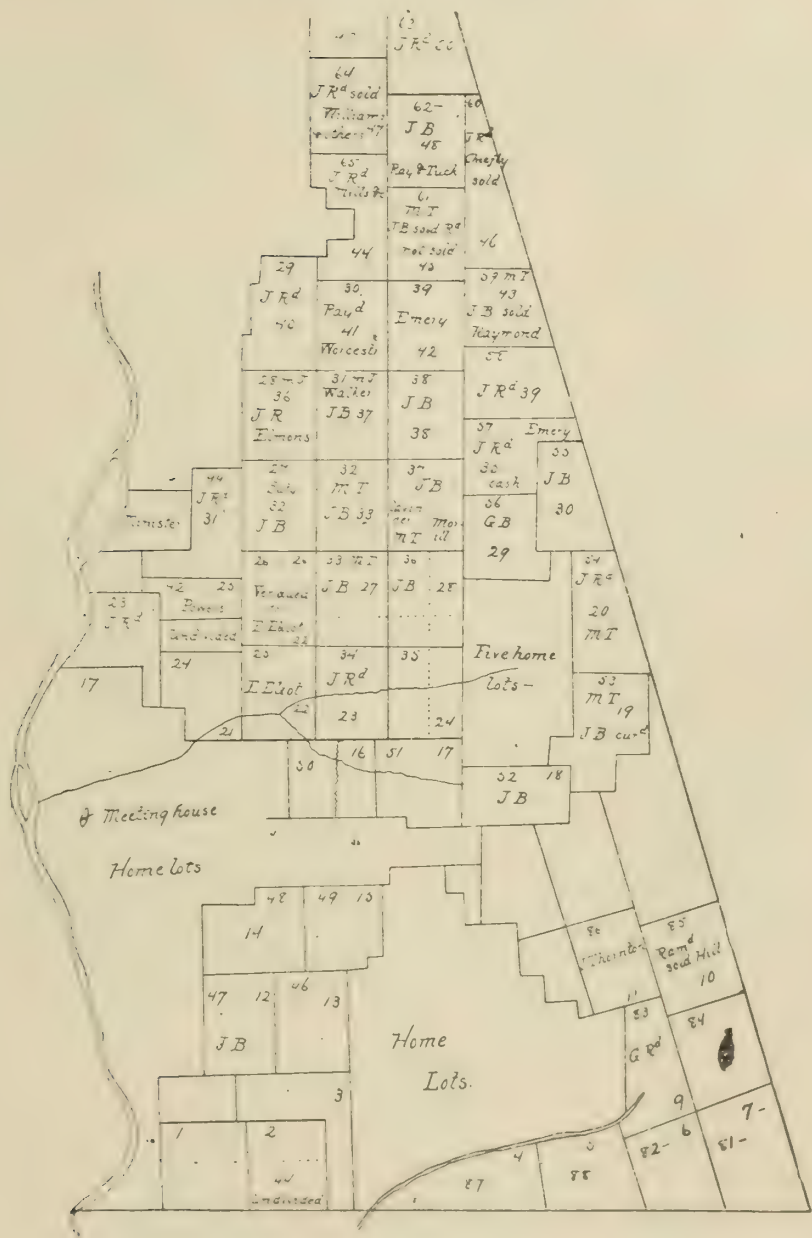
## THORNTON.

[Granted July 6, 1763, to Matthew Thornton and others, and named in honor of Matthew Thornton. Re-granted Oct. 21, 1768, including a large tract of additional territory. Incorporated Nov. 24, 1781. Blanchard's Gore was annexed June 16, 1807. The town bounds were established June 14, 1808. Waterville Gore was annexed from Waterville June 23, 1842.

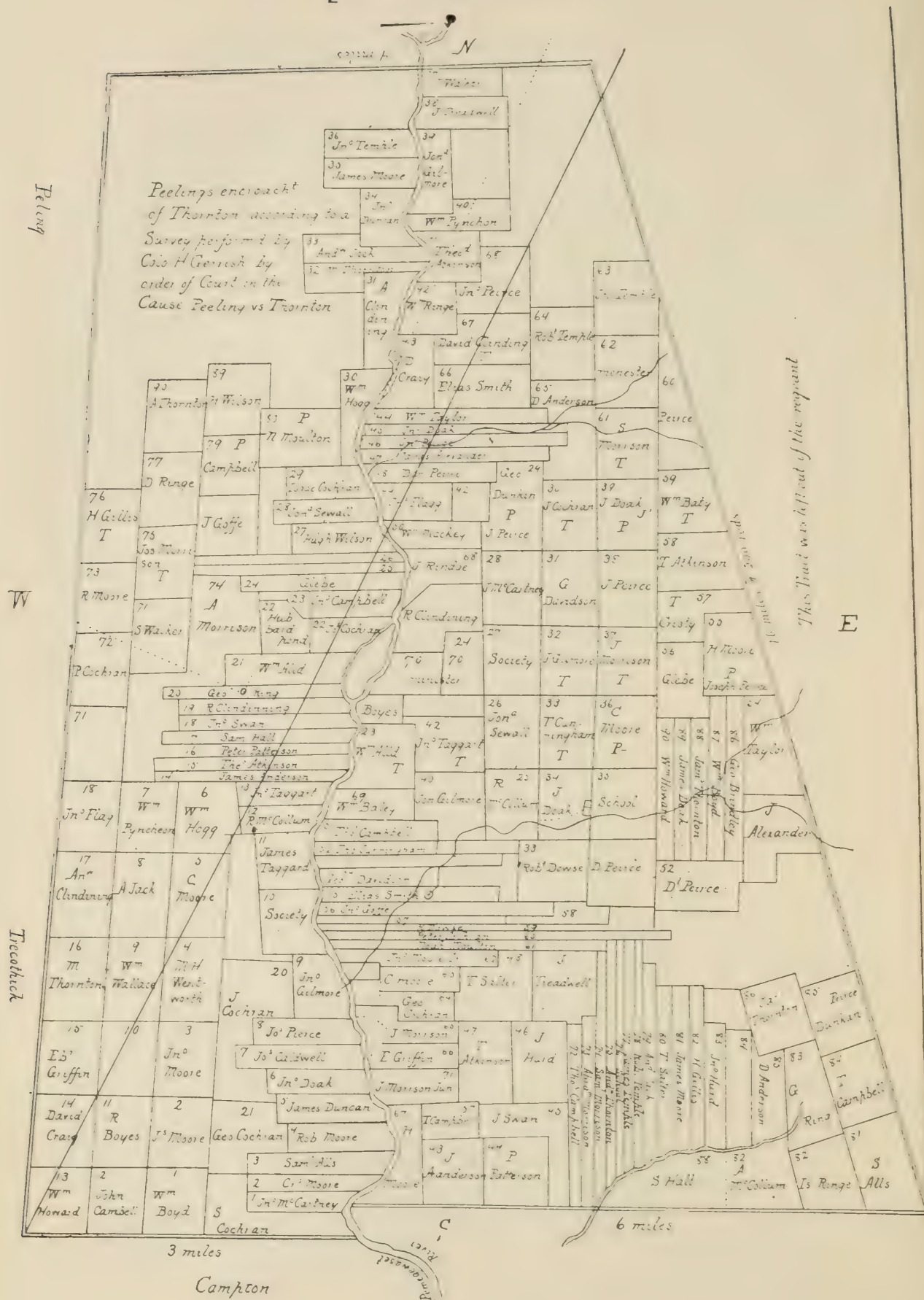
See New Hampshire charters in preceding volumes; XIII, Hammond Town Papers, 566; Index to Laws, 543; sketch, Child's Gazetteer of Grafton County, 1886, p. 625; Stewart's History of the Free Baptists, 1862, pp. 252, 375; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, p. 573; Hedge-Hog Chasm, by W. H. Pickering, 2, Appalachia, 75; grant to John Goffe with Woodstock papers.]



[Plan of Thornton.]



[*Plan of Thornton.*]





## TUFTONBOROUGH.

[Granted by the Masonian Proprietors to John Tufton Mason, Dec. 11, 1750, and named in his honor. Woodbury Langdon and John Moffatt subsequently purchased a large portion. Incorporated Dec. 17, 1795. Cow Island was annexed Dec. 30, 1799. Four more islands were annexed June 25, 1858. A small tract of land was set off to Wolfeborough, June 26, 1858. Another island was annexed July 3, 1863.]

See XIII, Hammond Town Papers, 573; Index to Laws, 553; sketch, by S. W. Abbott, Fergusson's History of Carroll County, 1889, p. 422; Stevens's Memorials of Methodism, 2d series, 1852, p. 262; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, p. 595.]

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[*Grant of Tuftonborough, 1750.*]

[Masonian Proprietors' Records, Dec. 11, 1750.]

Province of } Portsmouth December y<sup>e</sup> 11<sup>th</sup> 1750 Tuesday five  
New Hampshire } of the Clock Afternoon at the House of Ann Slayton—The Proprietors meet according to Adjournment—

Voted That there be and hereby is granted unto John Tufton Mason Esq<sup>r</sup> his Heirs & Assigns all the Right Title Interest Estate Property & Demand whatsoever of the Said Proprietors of in and unto a certain Tract of Land of six miles square or equal thereunto as follow's (viz<sup>t</sup>) beginning Six miles north Easterly or about north Easterly of a tract of land heretofore granted to Samuel Palmer Esq<sup>r</sup> & others then Extending Six Miles square or So as to make up that Quantity of land joining on Winnepissiokee Pond leaving a tract of Land of Six miles Square or of that Quantity between the land hereby granted & that granted to Palmer & others as aforesaid the Said Premises hereby granted being designed for the fourth Township from the Crotch of Pemigawassett River & Winnepissiokee River—

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[*Petition of Clement Jackson, 1764.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 8, p. 57.]

Province of } To The Hon<sup>ble</sup> Theodore Atkinson Esq<sup>r</sup> & others  
New Hamps<sup>r</sup> } Purchasers & Proprietors of Masons Patent in the  
afores<sup>d</sup> Province—

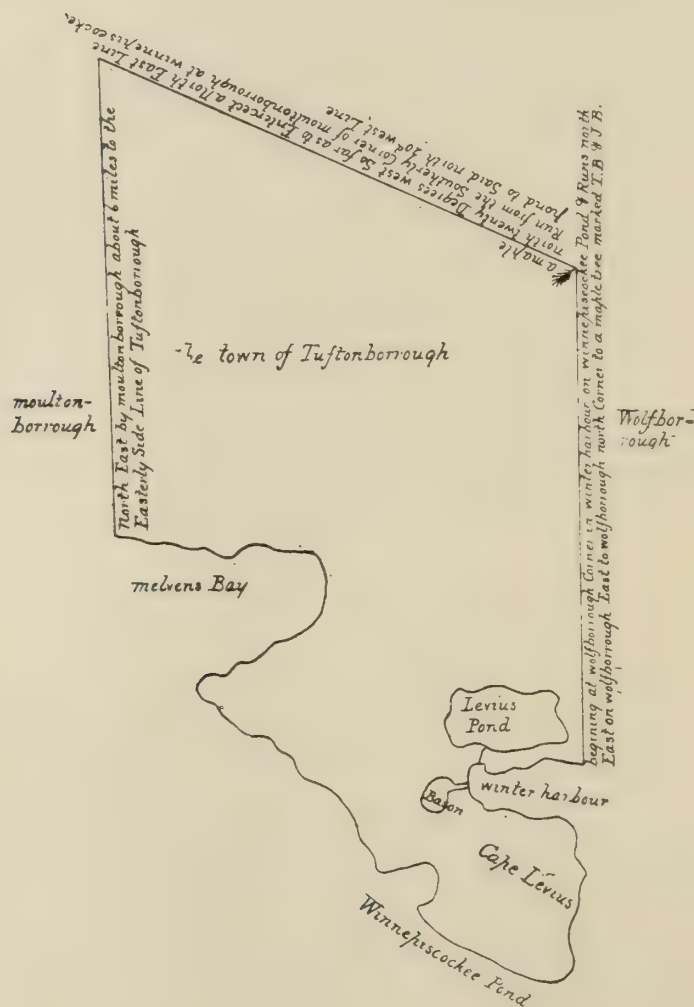
Clement Jackson of Portsmouth in said Prov<sup>ce</sup> begs leave to Remind you of an Offer & promise made to him some Years ago, of

making him a Grant of some part of your Undivided land within said Patent, in Consequence of his Excepting & Executing a Power, at the Instance & Request of Coll<sup>o</sup> John Tuffton Mason, as well as at the Request of you the said Proprietors of s<sup>d</sup> Patent, and which both told me was Absolutly Necessary to be done & very much to the Advantage of s<sup>d</sup> Proprietors, And as the time is now far Spent, and I having an Inclination to make some Improvement of Waste Land, if I could obtain it agreeable to my mind; I shall think myself greatly Obliged to you, if you would grant a peice of Land Suitable for Improvement & Cultivature adjoining that part of Land Granted to a Number of Portsmouth Gentlemen & now called Wolfs'borough—

Portsmouth Decem<sup>r</sup> 27<sup>th</sup> 1764

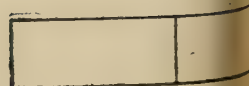
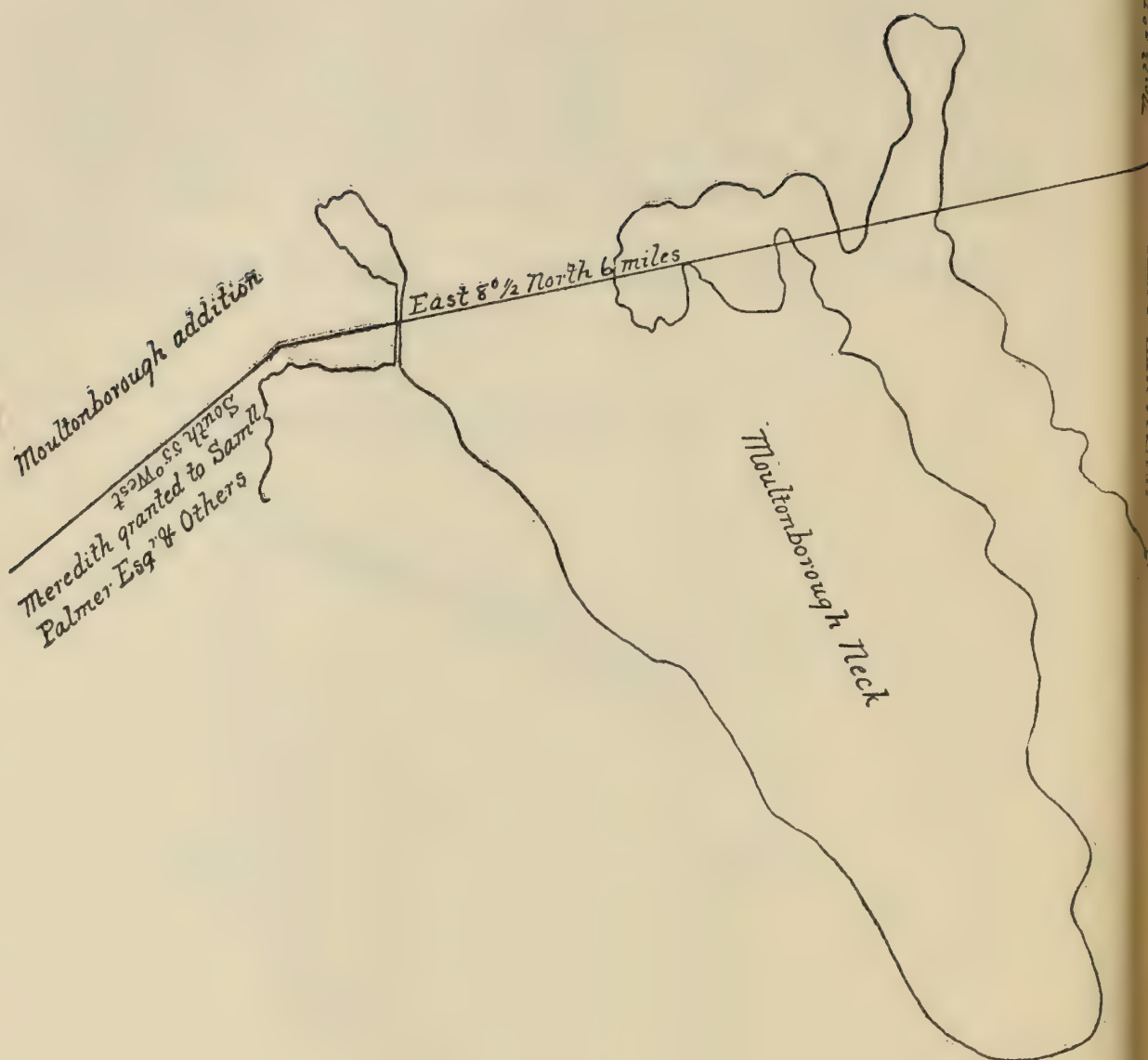
Clement Jackson

[Plan of Tufftonborough, 1764.]

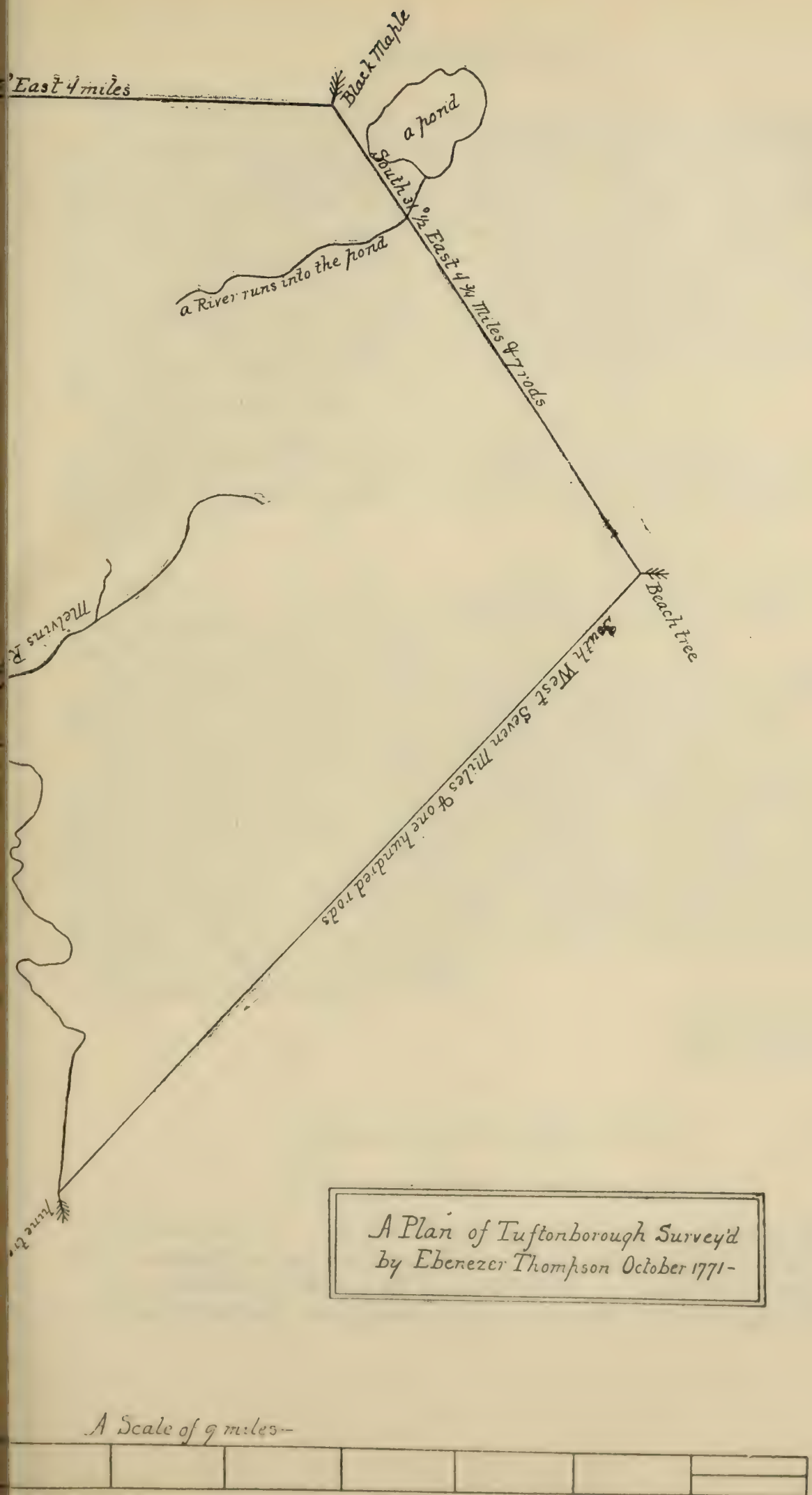












A Plan of Tufstonborough Survey'd  
by Ebenezer Thompson October 1771-

A Scale of 9 miles-





Newmarket march 1764 Laid out the township of Tuftonborough and bounded it as follows viz Begining at winter harbor on wenepesocke pond and Runing north East on wolfburrough Line to the north Corner of Said wolfburrough to a maple tree marked for wolfburrough north Corner then north twenty Degrees west So far as to intersect a north East Line Runing from the Southerly Corner of moultonburrough at wenepesocke pond to Said north twenty Degrees west Line which is the Easterly Corner of moultonburrough then South west on moultonburrough Line to wenepesocke pond then Southerly by Said wenepesocke pond as that Runs to the Bounds first mentioned

this Plan of Tuftonborough is Laid Down by a Scale of one Inch to a mile and was Surveyed in march 1764 by order of the Proprietors of the Lands within the Province of Newhampshire Called Masons Patent

Walter Bryant Surveyor

State of        ) To the Proprietors of Lands in said State of  
New Hampshire { New-Hampshire purchased of John Tufton Mason  
Esquire called Masons patent

The Petition of John Moffatt Esquire & Woodbury Langdon Merchant present Proprietors of a Tract of Land within the aforesaid Patent called Tuftonborough; Humbly Sheweth——

That pursuant to your Order given to Walter Bryant Esq<sup>re</sup> in the Year 1764, the said Township of Tuftonborough was laid out & a plan & return thereof made, as will appear by a plan and sundry Depositions herewith exhibited; nevertheless as sundry Disputes have since arisen concerning the Boundaries of said Township.—Your Petitioners Humbly pray that said Plan & Return as herewith exhibited may now be accepted & Recorded & your petitioners as in Duty bound shall ever pray. &c.——

Portsmouth December 2<sup>d</sup> 1778.——

John Moffatt  
W<sup>y</sup> Langdon

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[*Petition of John Moffatt, 1770.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 8, p. 58.]

Province of        ) To the Proprietors of Mason's Patent Conven'd  
New Hampshire { at Portsmouth on Wednesday The 8<sup>th</sup> Aug<sup>t</sup> 1770—

The Humble Petition of John Moffatt of Portsm<sup>o</sup> in said Province Esq<sup>r</sup> Sheweth, that your Petit<sup>r</sup> is largely interested in the Town

call'd Tuftonborough in said Province, and very desirous to Settle & improve his Lands there, But the Lines of said Town being hitherto unsettled and unascertained have prevented your Petet<sup>r</sup> from very considerably improving his Property there. Wherefore he prays that the Lines of said Town may be fixed and ascertained and your Petit<sup>r</sup> shall as in Duty bound ever pray—

John Moffatt

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[*Quitclaim, Moffatt and Langdon to Mason, 1778.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 8, p. 59.]

Whereas the Proprietors of the lands purchased of John Tufton Mason Esq<sup>r</sup> situate in the State of New Hampshire did on the eleventh day of December A D 1750 grant to the said Mason a Tract of Land (then lying in the Province of New Hampshire now in the County of Strafford and State afores<sup>d</sup>) of six miles square or equal thereto, as follows viz<sup>t</sup> Beginning six miles Northeasterly or about Northeasterly of a tract of land heretofore granted Samuel Palmer Esq<sup>r</sup> and others, then extending six miles square or so as to make up that quantity of Land joining on Winnepisseoke Pond Leaving a Tract of Land six miles square or of that quantity between the land granted said Mason and that land granted to said Palmer and others as aforesaid And Whereas John Moffatt Esq<sup>r</sup> who claimed under said Mason part of the same land, did on the eighth day of August A D 1770 petition the said Proprietors to Have the bounds of said land granted said Mason surveyed and a plan thereof taken— In consequence of which the said Proprietors with consent of said Moffatt appointed Ebenezer Thompson Esq<sup>r</sup> to survey and return a plan of the same land— And a plan thereof was accordingly returned to said Proprietors in October A D 1771—Which plan being thought not authentic—The said Proprietors and we John Moffatt & Woodbury Langdon both of Portsmouth in the County of Rockingham and State afores<sup>d</sup> Esq<sup>rs</sup>, (who claim under said Mason) have mutually agreed to ascertain and establish the bounds of said Lands now called Tuftonborough in a different manner from those described in said Plan—And we the s<sup>d</sup> Moffatt and Langdon have further agreed with said Proprietors, that s<sup>d</sup> plan shall be of no Validity and that neither of us, our Heirs or Assigns shall ever claim any lands contained within the bounds of said Tuftonborough as described in said Plan, which shall not also be contained within the Bounds of said Tuftonborough as described by a Vote of the said Proprietors at a legal meeting held at Portsmouth on the twenty first day of December



A D 1778—And we the said Moffatt & Langdon have likewise agreed to release all claim to any lands so granted s<sup>d</sup> Mason that do or shall fall without the bounds of said Tuftonborough as the same are described in said Vote and also to Theodore Atkinson And Mark Hunking Wentworth Esq<sup>r</sup> such parts of their Lots Numbered Thirty four and Twenty four in the Plan of the Township of Ossipee, as shall be included within the Bounds of s<sup>d</sup> Tuftonborough as described in said Vote—And also to the said Proprietors the two hundred Acres of lands within said Bounds engaged by said Proprietors to John Dudley—Now Know all Men by these presents That we the said Moffatt and Langdon for the perfecting the afore recited Agreement on our part and for and in Consideration of ten pounds lawful money by the said Proprietors to us in hand paid before the Delivery hereof the receipt whereof we do hereby acknowledge Have remised released and forever quitted Claim and by these presents Do remise release & forever quitclaim unto the said Proprietors & their Successors forever all our right Title Interest property claim and demand of in and to all the lands granted said Mason without the Bounds of said Tuftonborough as the same are described in said Vote And also to the said two hundred Acres of land within said Bounds engaged by said Proprietors to John Dudley as aforesaid — All the Lands so granted said Mason (under whom we hold) or described in said Plan taken at the request of said Moffatt as afores<sup>d</sup> lying without the Bounds of said Tuftonborough as described in said Vote, as also the said two hundred Acres within said Bounds we and each of us hereby release and forever quitclaim unto the said Proprietors and their Successors forever——To Have and To Hold the said remised Premises with all the privileges and Appurtenances thereof to them the said Proprietors and their Successors to their only proper use and Benefit forever——Hereby engaging to warrant and defend the same premises against all persons claiming by from or under us or the said Mason as Grantee as aforesaid——In Witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands and Seals the 26<sup>th</sup> Day of December A D 1778—

Signed Sealed &  
Delivered In presence of us—  
Interlined before Signing  
the words “agreed”——

John Moffatt [seal]  
W<sup>y</sup> Langdon [seal]

*Lands now called*  
Kathe<sup>r</sup> Whipple {  
Sam<sup>l</sup> Penhallow }

State of New Hampshire } Portsm<sup>o</sup> Decem<sup>r</sup> 26th 1778 Then the  
 Rockingham ss } above named John Moffatt and Wood-  
 bury Langdon Esq<sup>rs</sup> Personally appearing severally acknowledged the  
 above written Instrument to be their Voluntary Act & Deed

Before me

Sam<sup>l</sup> Penhallow J Peace

[Endorsed] Strafford Records Rec<sup>d</sup> October 1<sup>st</sup> 1795—

J. P. Gilman Recorder—

Recorded Lib 20 Fol<sup>o</sup> 343 Examined by

J. P. Gilman Register

[*Settlement of Northern Boundary, 1795.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 8, p. 60.]

Rockingham, ss.

At a Meeting of the Proprietors of Tuftonborough duly called and held at the House of Col<sup>l</sup> William Brewster in Portsmouth in the County of Rockingham on Monday the 23<sup>d</sup> day of March 1789 at three o'clock P. M.—

Voted That Woodbury Langdon Esquire be, and hereby is appointed and constituted, Agent for, and on the part of said Proprietors, to ascertain and establish, the Lines and boundaries of said Tuftonborough—

A true Copy of Record

Attest R: Cutts Shannon Prop<sup>rs</sup> Clerk.

Know all Men by these Presents that I Woodbury Langdon of Portsmouth in the County of Rockingham and State of New Hampshire Esquire as Agent for and on behalf of the Proprietors of Tuftonborough in the County of Strafford and State aforesaid to Ascertain and Establish the lines and boundaries of said Tuftonborough, For and in consideration of the sum of Twenty Cents paid by the Proprietors of the Lands purchased of John Tufton Mason lying in the said State and in consideration of the said Proprietors Establishing by Vote the Northerly side line of Tuftonborough as run by James Hersey for the Northerly or back line of said Tuftonborough, have remised released and forever Quited claim, & by these presents do remise release and forever Quit claim in my said Capacity as agent aforesaid to the said Proprietors of the Lands purchased of said John Tufton Mason otherwise called the Masonian Proprietors, all the Right, Title, Interest, property, claim and Demand which the Proprietors of said Tuftonborough have of in and unto any Lands of



said Masonian Proprietors by Virtue of their Vote or Grant to John Tufton Mason of a Township on Winnepisseohece pond or by Virtue of a Vote, Grant or Conveyance of Land to John Moffatt and myself or to the Proprietors of said Tuftonborough or Tract of Land on the Pond aforesaid between Moultonborough and Wolfborough in Right of said John Tufton Mason, Laying & being Northerly or North-easterly of the said Line run by James Hersey from the Northwesterly corner of Wolfborough to Moultonborough in order to divide that Land in Ossipee Gore now Laid out into one hundred Acre Lots by said Hersey agreeably to his plan dated in the year 1781—From the Lands of said Tuftonborough, which said Line so run by said Hersey, I the said Woodbury Langdon hereby agree as Agent for and on behalf of the said Proprietors of said Tuftonborough shall forever hereafter be the Northerly side Line of said Tuftonborough Dividing the Lands of the Proprietors of said Tuftonborough from the Lands of the said Proprietors of Lands purchased of John Tufton Mason otherwise called the Masonian Proprietors.—To have and to hold the said Released premises with their appurtenances to the said Masonian Proprietors their Heirs and assigns to and for their only proper benefit and use forever —

In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal this 15<sup>th</sup> day of Aug<sup>st</sup> 1795—

Signed Sealed & Delivered in presence of  
Joshua Brackett  
Daniel Marden

W<sup>y</sup> Langdon [seal]

Rockingham ss

Portsmouth August 15<sup>th</sup> 1795

Then the within named Woodbury Langdon Esquire personally appearing acknowledged this instrument to be his free act & Deed  
before Geo Gains Jus Peace

[Endorsed] Strafford Records Rec<sup>d</sup> October 1<sup>st</sup> 1795—

J. P. Gilman Recorder

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[*John Peirce's Bond, 1799.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 8, p. 61.]

I hereby agree to sell and convey to Shadrach Allard & Samuel Allard a Certain Lot of Land in Tuftonborough Containing One hun-

dred Acres more or Less and is Lot N<sup>o</sup> Eight and part of a Larger Tract of Land Divided into Twelve Lots by Henry Rust Jun<sup>r</sup> agreeable to his plan dated December 10<sup>th</sup> 1787— for the Consideration of Five hundred & fifty dollars and I hereby promise to give them a Deed for the same on their applying to me any time before the 15<sup>th</sup> January Next and then giving me personal security to my satisfaction or a Mortgage on the Land as Collateral security for the payment of the Money in four Years in equal Annual payments with Interest annually until paid but if they do not claim said Deed before the last day of next January this obligation shall be Void—but their Notes of this day shall still be due which is the present agreement of the parties

Portsmouth September 13<sup>th</sup> 1799

Witness

John Peirce

<sup>his</sup>  
William X McIntire  
<sup>mark</sup>

[Endorsed] Deed given Jan<sup>y</sup> 21, 1800 to Allard for Land in Tuftonborough

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[*Description of Two Lots.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 8, p. 62.]

Lots N<sup>o</sup> 64 }  
& 58 } Herseys Survey Tuftonborough

These lots lay on the Mountain N<sup>o</sup> 64 lays on the north Cant of the Mountain very broken Good Syle with a heavy groth of hard wood I Should think it worth a 150 Dollars—buts on Moultonboro line—is within  $\frac{1}{2}$  a mile of a Settlement in Moultonborough by Wiggin on the Masonian Land—Lovells River runs through acorner a branch of Lovells River—soil good—growth maple, yellow birch, beech & some hemlock & spruce

N<sup>o</sup> 58 lays on the hight of the Mountain very broken and rocky with a heavy groth of Spruce and hemlock, I consider it of no value—he says he would not accept this lot to pay the taxes

N<sup>o</sup> 58 was taxt to Langdons Ayres

N<sup>o</sup> 64 would be worth if it lay out to a road \$300—the lots.

[Endorsed] C. M. Wentworth Land in Tuftonboro rec<sup>d</sup> from M<sup>r</sup> Roberts

he afterward Surveyed these Lots & Bill paid 6 Jany 1835  
& then thought 64 worth \$200 & 58 worth \$100—  
they join on to the Masonian Land in Moultonboro





[*Petition of John Gage, 1748.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 8, p. 63.]

Province of } To the Proprietors of the Right of Land within  
New Hampsh<sup>r</sup> } the S<sup>d</sup> Province Purchased by them of John Tuf-  
ton Mason Esq<sup>r</sup>—

The Petition of John Gage Esq<sup>r</sup> in behalf of himself & a Number of the Inhabitants of Dover & Sumersworth in Said Province Shews That your Petitioner and his Associates being Satisfied of your Right to the Lands afores<sup>d</sup> and willing to hold part thereof under you Pray that you would Grant to them two tracts of Land Sufficient to make two Towns lying on the head of Rochester begining on y<sup>e</sup> Eastward Side next to the County of York & So runing westward to make up the Quantity afores<sup>d</sup> and your Petitioner in behalf of himself & Associates shall pray &c—

Portsm<sup>o</sup> Decemb<sup>r</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> 1748

John Gage

[*Votes of Proprietors in Dover, 1749.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 8, p. 63.]

Province of } At a Proprietors Meeting held at the Quakers  
New Hampshire } meeting house at Cochecho in Dover on monday the  
24<sup>th</sup> Day of april 1749—

Voted 1<sup>st</sup> That John Gage Esq<sup>r</sup> be moderator for S<sup>d</sup> Meeting

2<sup>ly</sup> that Joseph Hanson be Prop<sup>rs</sup> Clerk—

3 That there be a Comm<sup>tte</sup> of five Meet Persons be Chosen to go & treat with the Purchasers of Masons Right to get their Quit Claim of a Tract of Land for a Town Ship of Six Miles squaire agreeable to y<sup>e</sup> Petition

4 That John Gage Esq<sup>r</sup> Joseph Hanson Stephen Roberts: Isaac Hanson Ju<sup>r</sup> & Thomas Varney be the men to treat with Said Purchasers—

5 That there be five shillings of the new Tenor Currency paid Down by Each Petitioner to Defray Charges

6 that Cap<sup>t</sup> William Wentworth be a Treasurer to Receive the money and pay it out according to the Direction of the prop<sup>rs</sup>—

Then the meeting was Adjourned till Monday the Eighth Day of May next—

A true Coppy Exam<sup>d</sup> Ɔ

Jos Hanson Prop<sup>rs</sup> Cler



[*Vote of Another Meeting, 1749.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 8, p. 63.]

At a Proprietors Meeting held at Cochecho in Dover on Monday the 24<sup>th</sup> day of April Anno Domini 1749

Voted that John Gage Esq<sup>r</sup> Deacon Thomas Nock Mr William Welland Cap<sup>t</sup> Job Clements & Mr Paul Gerrish be a Committee to Receive of the Proprietors of John Tufton Mason Esq<sup>r</sup> Right a Quit Claim to A New Township adjoining to Salmon fall River, at the Head of Rochester and to Act or Transact any affair relating to the Same as fully as if the whole Body of s<sup>d</sup> Proprietors were personally present

Summersworth April 25<sup>th</sup> 1749

A true Copy

Attest Thomas Miller Prop<sup>ts</sup> Clerk

[*Charter of Wakefield, 1749.*]

[Masonian Proprietors' Records, April 27, 1749.]

Province of ) Portsmouth April 27<sup>th</sup> 1749 Thursday at Eight  
New Hampshire { of y<sup>e</sup> Clock before noon at the Dwelling house of  
Sarah Prust Widow The Proprietors meet according to Adjourn-  
ment

Voted That there be and hereby is granted unto John Ham Gersham Downs John Horn Richard Downs Daniel Plummer William Hussey William Willand John Cook Nathaniel Horn Daniel Young Thomas Downs James Canney William Downs Amos Howard Samuel Jones Ebenezer Downs Benjamin Ham Paul Gerrish John Gage Jun<sup>r</sup> John Evans Samuel Gerrish Richard Hussey Jun<sup>r</sup> Timothy Hanson William Twombly Joseph Hicks John Gage John Roberts jun<sup>r</sup> William Gerish Samuel Walton Allen Walton Thomas Miller Thomas Miller jun<sup>r</sup> Ebenezer Roberts Love Roberts Thomas Nock Samuel Heard jun<sup>r</sup> John Mardin Isaac Horn Joseph Roberts John James Hezekiah Cook John Downs Job Clements John Hussey Samuel Downs John Hanson jun<sup>r</sup> Samuel Randall Benjamin Mason John Hanson John Miller Ebenezer Wentworth John Brown Thomas Canney Joseph Astin Elihu Hays Samuel Dam William Gage Samuel Astin Benjamin Astin Joshua Roberts William Styles John Harford Eliphalet Cromwell Ebenezer Downs jun<sup>r</sup> Ebenezer Tuttle Benjamin Roberts jun<sup>r</sup> Ebenezer Hanson Stephen Evans Robert Hanson Ichabod Hays Solomon Hanson James

Kielle Samuel Alley Joseph Hussey Moses Gage Stephen Varney John Perkins Solomon Emerson Philip Yeaton all of Dover and Somersworth both in Said Province of New Hampshire and Noah Emery of Kittery in Equal Shares Excepting as hereafter is Herein Excepted on The Terms Conditions & Limitations herein After Expressed all that Tract of Land within The Province aforesaid Containing the Quantity of Six Miles Square Bounded as Follows Viz<sup>t</sup> Beginning at The Northeast Corner of the Township of Rochester at Newechewannick River and from Said River Running Westerly by the Head Line of Rochester five Miles and from That Extent upon a Strait line Parallel with the General Course of the Said River as a Strait line may be Run at the Said River and Continuing the Breadth of five Miles Adjoyning said River and bounds of the Province So far Northwardly as to make Equal to Six Miles Square in Such form as that the Head or Northerly boundary Shall be a line Parallel with the Head Line of Rochester and The Westerly Side line to be Strait from Rochester line to the Head line of Said Tract of land—To have and to hold to them their Heirs & Assigns in Equal Shares Excepting as Aforesaid on the Following Terms Conditions & Limitations that is to Say That the whole Tract of Land within the Said Boundaries (Saving what is herein After Mentioned to be Otherwise Improved) be Divided into one hundred Shares or Rights and Each Share be Laid out into two Distinct Lots one of which to Contain one hundred Acres and The Other all the Land belonging to Each Share Respectively. That the whole be So laid out & the two Lots belonging to Each Share be Numbred with the Same Number beginning with one and Ending with one Hundred. That the said Land be so laid out within one Year from the Granting thereof and Then the lots Drawn for in the usual Manner of Drawing for Lots of Land in Such Cases And That this be Done at Portsmouth afores<sup>d</sup> Under the Care and Direction of the Grantors Aforesaid and so Done as to make but one Draft to Each Share

That one of the said Shares be for the first Minister of the Gospel who Shall be Settled on Said Land & Continue There During his life or until he Shall be Regularly Dismist to hold to him his Heirs & Assigns. And one other of Said Shares be for and towards the Support of The Gospel Ministry there forever And the Hundred acre Lots belonging to these two Shares Respectively shall be Laid out as near the Place where the Meeting House Shall be Built as may Conveniently be Done without being Drawn for as the Other Lots. That There be Six Acres of Land left in some Convenient Place within the said Boundaries for Building a Meeting House and School House upon and to be used as a Training Feild a Burying place or



other Public use the Inhabitants there may have Occasion to Improve it for—That one other of Said Shares be for the use and Maintenance of a School there forever That Seventeen of the Said Shares be and hereby are Reserved to the use of the said Grantors and Their Heirs & Assigns forever That the Owners of the Other Eighty Shares make a Regular Settlement there at their own Charge in the Following Manner viz that Each Owner of the said Eighty Shares Build an house of Sixteen foot Square or Equal thereto at Least upon Some Part of his Land There—That there be Thirty Families Settled upon said Tract of Land within four years next after a Peace is Proclaimed between the English French and Indians and Each Family to have Such an House as Aforesaid and three Acres of Land Cleared and fitted for Mowing or Tillage and that Ten Families More be Settled there each having an house as Aforesaid within five years next after the Proclamation of Said Peace with three Acres of Land more fitted as aforesaid And within Six years next After the Said Peace to have a Meeting House Built there for the Public worship of God fitted for that purpose for the use of the Inhabitants There and to Maintain the Constant Preaching of the Gospel there from and After the End of Seven Years from the Proclaiming Peace as Aforesaid—

That there be twenty Acres of Land left in some Suitable Place for a Privilege and Accommodation of a Saw Mill which Shall be for him or them his or Their Heirs & Assigns who will build Such Mill within the term of five years next After a Peace as Aforesaid with the Privilege of the most Convenient Stream and place for Doing the Same and in Consideration thereof for the benefit of Said Inhabitants the owner or owners of Such Mill Shall Saw the Logs of the Said Inhabitants to the halves for the term of ten years next After the said Mill Shall first work if Desired So to do—

And if no Particular Person or Persons of the owners of Said Shares or Such Other Person or Persons as the Majority of Them Shall Admit permit and Suffer to do the Same will Undertake to Build Such Mill on the Terms aforesaid, then the Said owners Shall do the Same at Their Common Expence & Charge & put the Said Mill under Such a Regulation as that They and Others Inhabiting there may have Their Logs and Timber Sawed as Occasion may Require for Buiding on the Land Herby Granted — That Each Owner of the Said Eighty Shares Pay to Such Person or Persons as the Majority of them Shall Elect for that Purpose all Such Sums of Money or Bills of Public Credit as the Said owners or the Major Part of them Shall Determine to be Necessary from time to time & as Occasion Shall Require to Defray the Charges of Laying out Said Land as aforesaid & Other matters & things necessary to be done



for the making a Settlement as aforesaid, and performing y<sup>e</sup> other matters & things herein Directed to be done That in Laying out the said Lots Care be taken to Sort them in Such a Manner as to make the Shares as Equal as Possible. That the Lots be Laid out in Ranges where the Land will admit of it and Land left Between the Ranges for Highways four Rods wide and between the Lots for ways of two Rods wide and That a Plan of the whole when so Laid out be made at the Charge of the Said owners and Returned to the Said Grantors as Soon as may be Done with Conveniency—

That the Remaining Seventeen Shares Reserved as Aforesaid be Exonerated Acquitted and fully Exempted from paying any Charge towards Making the Said Settlement & not held to the Conditions of the Eighty Shares Aforesaid nor be Liable to any Tax or Assessment until Improved by the Respective owners hereof. That all white Pine trees fit for his Majesty's use for Masting the Royal Navy be and hereby are Reserved and are hereby Granted to his Majesty his Heirs and Successors for that Purpose.—

That in Case the Said Grantees Shall fail Neglect and Omit to Settle forty families upon the Said Granted Premises within the Term of five years next After a Peace Shall be Concluded and proclaimed as Aforesaid Each Family having the Quantity of three Acres of Land Cleared & fitted as Aforesaid and to do and Perform the Several Articles matters and Things above Mentioned to be performed and Done by the Owners of the said Eighty Shares It Shall and may be Lawfull for the Said Grantors or any of them or any Person or Persons in their name and Behalf & by their Authority or the Major part of them to Enter into and upon the said Granted Premises or any part Thereof for the whole & thence to Amove oust & utterly to Expel the Said Grantees and the Said Granted premises Shall be forfeited to the use of the Grantors & they Shall Thereby be Reseized and Vested in their former Estate Right Title and Interest to & in the Said Granted premises as though this Grant had never been made & The Same Shall Thenceforward be null and Void to all Intents and purposes any Thing herein Contained to the Contrary thereof Notwithstanding. And all and Every of the said Grantees who Shall not do and perform his Respective part and duty in making & Carrying on the Said Settlement<sup>t</sup> (in Case of the Settlement of forty Families as Aforesaid) Such Delinquent owner Shall forfeit his Share and Right in the said Premises to Those who Shall have so performed & Done Their Duty as Aforesaid in Making the said Settlement who Shall hereby have full Power and Authority into the Said forfeited Right and Share to Enter and Thereof to become Seized to their own use in Manner Afores<sup>d</sup>



Provided Nevertheless that the said Grantees do and Shall when they Shall be Thereunto Respectively Requested Enter into a Contract and Personally Oblige Themselves and Their Respective Heirs and Assigns to do and Perform the Several Articles matters and Things by them herein before Mentioned to be Performed and Done by Signing and Executing Such Instrument or Instruments in writing as by Counsel Learned in the Law Shall be Advised and Devised for that purpose—

And in That Case & not Otherwise the said Grantors Do hereby Promise & Ingage to the Said Grantees that they the Said Grantors their Heirs Exec<sup>rs</sup> Admin<sup>rs</sup> or Assigns Shall and will at Their own Cost & Expence try the Title of the said Granted Premises by pursuing an Action for the whole or any Part thereof Through the whole Course of the Law to a Final Judgment before the King in Council (if need be to Carry the Same so far) with Such Person or Persons as Shall be therto Disposed & Desirous thereof who shall Dispute the Title of the Said Grantees hereby Conveyed

But in Case the Title of the Grantees Derived from The Said Grantors to the Said Premises Shall be Condemned & The title of the Person or Persons So Disputing with the Grantors to the Premises Shall by Such Final Judgment be Preferred Then the Grantees in These Presents Shall Recover Nothing of the Said Grantors for the Said premises nor for any Labour Expence Charge & Disbursements they the Said Grantees Their Heirs or Assigns Shall have been at in Consequence of this Grant And it is to be Understood that the Numbers of years Mentioned herein for the Said Grantees to do and Perform the Several Articles matters & Things aforesaid is to be So many Years free from the Impediment and Interruption of an Indian war

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[*Draft of Lots, 1750.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 8, p. 64, and Proprietors' Records, Vol. 6, p. 223, and Vol. 7, p. 58.]

Province of } Portsmouth Wens'day April y<sup>e</sup> 11<sup>th</sup> 1750—At y<sup>e</sup>  
New Hampshire } House of Ann Slayton The Draft of y<sup>e</sup> Lots of y<sup>e</sup>  
Township granted to John Ham Gershon Downs &c Under y<sup>e</sup> Direc-  
tion of y<sup>e</sup> Proprietors—

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| 1 Nath <sup>l</sup> Meserve | } | . . . . . N <sup>o</sup> 12 |
| J Blanchard                 |   |                             |
| Joseph Green                |   |                             |
| Paul March                  |   |                             |





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| 44 | John Gage                                  | .                 | . | . | . | . | . | . | 17  |
| 45 | John Hartford                              | .                 | . | . | . | . | . | . | 89  |
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| 50 | Stephen Evans                              | .                 | . | . | . | . | . | . | 42  |
| 51 | Samuel Herd jun <sup>r</sup>               | .                 | . | . | . | . | . | . | 36  |
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| 66 | John Roberts jun <sup>r</sup>              | .                 | . | . | . | . | . | . | 24  |
| 67 | John Downe                                 | .                 | . | . | . | . | . | . | 52  |
| 68 | John Perkins                               | .                 | . | . | . | . | . | . | 34  |
| 69 | Law Lot N <sup>o</sup> 2                   | .                 | . | . | . | . | . | . | 55  |
| 70 | Sam <sup>l</sup> Downe                     | .                 | . | . | . | . | . | . | 93  |
| 71 | Law Lot N <sup>o</sup> 1                   | .                 | . | . | . | . | . | . | 8   |
| 72 | John Tufton Mason }<br>& John Thomlinson } | Esqu <sup>r</sup> | . | . | . | . | . | . | 56  |
| 73 | Eben <sup>r</sup> Hanson                   | .                 | . | . | . | . | . | . | 39  |
| 74 | Sam <sup>l</sup> Walton                    | .                 | . | . | . | . | . | . | 62  |
| 75 | John Hussey                                | .                 | . | . | . | . | . | . | 44  |
| 76 | Samuel Rendal                              | .                 | . | . | . | . | . | . | 68  |
| 77 | William Welland                            | .                 | . | . | . | . | . | . | 97  |
| 78 | Eben <sup>r</sup> Roberts                  | .                 | . | . | . | . | . | . | 18  |
| 79 | Allen Walton                               | .                 | . | . | . | . | . | . | 7   |
| 80 | Joshua Peirce                              | Esqu <sup>r</sup> | . | . | . | . | . | . | 31  |
| 81 | Noah Emery                                 | Esqu <sup>r</sup> | . | . | . | . | . | . | 54  |
| 82 | Love Roberts                               | .                 | . | . | . | . | . | . | 25  |
| 83 | Samuel Gerrish                             | .                 | . | . | . | . | . | . | 66  |
| 84 | Hezekiah Cook                              | .                 | . | . | . | . | . | . | 49  |

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| 85 | William Gage                      | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | 76 |
| 86 | William Downe                     | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | 86 |
| 87 | Dan <sup>l</sup> Plummer          | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | 99 |
| 88 | Richard Wibird Esqu <sup>r</sup>  | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | 65 |
| 89 | John Gage jun <sup>r</sup>        | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | 41 |
| 90 | John Cook                         | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | 14 |
| 91 | John Ham                          | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | 82 |
| 92 | William Twombly                   | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | 47 |
| 93 | James Canney                      | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | 75 |
| 94 | Ichabod Hayes                     | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | 3  |
| 95 | Benjamin Roberts jun <sup>r</sup> | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | 28 |
| 96 | Ebenezer Downe                    | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | 30 |
| 97 | Solomon Hanson                    | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | 20 |
| 98 | Ebenezer Tuttle                   | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | 96 |
|    | first ministers Lot               | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | 46 |
|    | Ministerial Lot                   | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | 45 |

Voted that this Draft of y<sup>e</sup> Lotts of land in y<sup>e</sup> Tract above mentioned be and hereby is Ratified & confirmed and that each Lot be held to y<sup>e</sup> Respective Person to whose name it is affixed & to his heirs & assigns in Severalty on y<sup>e</sup> Terms first granted and the Division as made by y<sup>e</sup> Grantees and numbered in y<sup>e</sup> Plan thereof by them Returned be and hereby is also confirmed as aforesaid

Geo: Jaffrey Prop<sup>rs</sup> Cl

[*Further Time Allowed to Wakefield Proprietors, 1770.*]

[*Masonian Proprietors' Records, March 21, 1770.*]

Whereas the Grantees of the Tract of Land granted to John Ham Gershom Downes & Others called East Town by their Agents at This meeting, haveing acknowledged their grant was forfeited for not complying with the Terms and conditions therein made but as they have made considerable Improvements and declare their readiness and Resolution to have all the Terms & Conditions of said Grant fulfilled and compleated within Two Years from this Date, And Praying the Proprietors will grant them Two Years from this time to do and Perform the Same, from their earnest Request and Other considerations. Therefore—

Voted That there be and hereby is granted and Allowed Upon the Following Terms and conditions to the grantees of the Tract of Land or Township granted on the 27<sup>th</sup> Day of April 1749 to John Ham Gershom Downes & Others Two Years from this Date to compleat

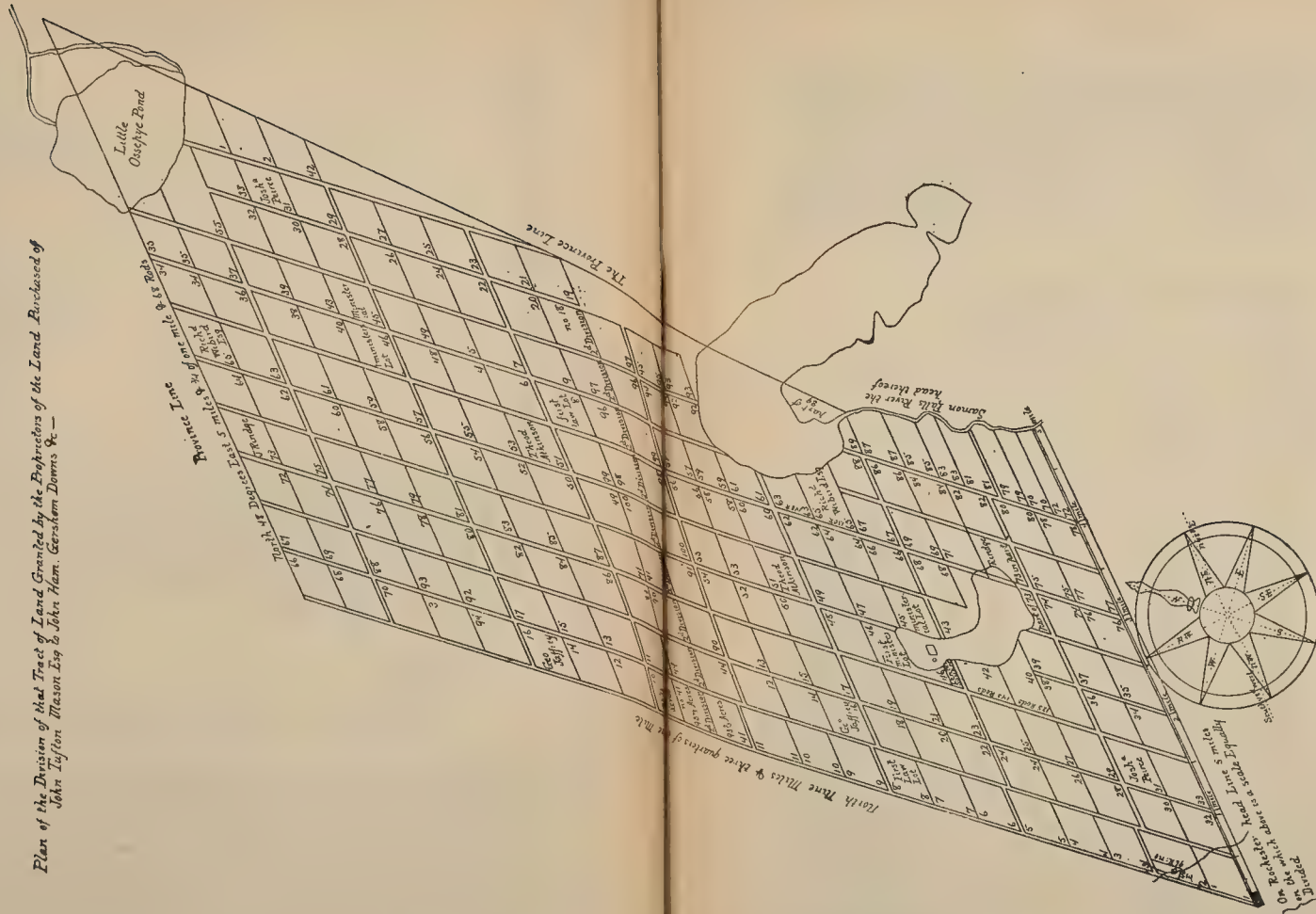








*Plan of the Division of that Tract of Land Granted by the Proprietors of the Land Purchased of John Tufson Mason Esq to John Ham. Gershem Downs &c —*



This Plan made by Walter Bryant Surveyor at the desire of the Proprietors to whom the same was Granted is returned as a true plan of the Division of the land contained within the Grant

Attest Thomas Miller Prop<sup>rs</sup> Clerk

Each of the 100 Lots in the first Division contain one hundred Acres and are laid out the Roads between y<sup>e</sup> Ranges are North & South in Lenth & are four Roads Broad the lines that divide the Lotts are North & South 156 Rods long & said Lotts are one hundred & thirty five Rods Broad North & south the Lott N<sup>o</sup> 49 Lays part on each side of Samon-falls River as in the Plan N<sup>o</sup> 83 Lotts bounding on y<sup>e</sup> Pond N<sup>o</sup> 65 Runs North lines to y<sup>e</sup> Pond is But 130 Rods Broad—N<sup>o</sup> 63 is 148 Rods Broad N<sup>o</sup> 92 Bounds on y<sup>e</sup> Pond N<sup>o</sup> 73 Runs Round bounding on the pond to 39—N<sup>o</sup> 40 is 125 Rods Broad & Runs to the y<sup>e</sup> pond N<sup>o</sup> 42 is 145 Rods Broad & Bounds on y<sup>e</sup> pond & the center square Lays above the Crose Center Road adjoining to it & y<sup>e</sup> pond & the third Range & runs so far northward as to contain Six acres N<sup>o</sup> 43 Bounds on y<sup>e</sup> pond and the Crose Center Road Down by n<sup>o</sup> 68 to the 7<sup>th</sup> Road n<sup>o</sup> 46 Runs from the center square up Round the head of the pond northward & n<sup>o</sup> 41 in the first Division & n<sup>o</sup> ten in the second Division & n<sup>o</sup> ten in the second Division hath but ninety three acres being pinched to make up y<sup>e</sup> mill privilege—The Second Division Contains in each Lott one hundred & thirty acres and are the same Coose Each way as in the first Division and are the same Lenth but are one hundred forty nine Rods Broad North—

Copied from the original December 27<sup>th</sup> 1830

By Benj<sup>n</sup> Akerman





and Fulfill the Terms and conditions of their grant made April 27<sup>th</sup> 1749 That they compleat a Road within said Two Years of four Rods wide through the Township Equal to the Road in Middle Town, called the Governours Road, to Leavits Town, so called, and that no compensation be made to the Owner or Owners of the Lott or Lotts through which the Governours road, so called, Passeth through in the said Township.


[*Condition of Settlement, 1770.*]

[*Masonian Papers, Vol. 8, p. 65.*]

| Names of the Heads of the familys                | Numb <sup>r</sup> of<br>Lott settl <sup>d</sup><br>on | Acres<br>Clear'd | Acres Trees<br>Fell | Houses             |
|--|---|------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
|  |   |                  |                     |                    |
| Jonath <sup>n</sup> Gillman . . . .              | 29  | 13               | 7                   | 20 & 30            |
| Clement Steel . . . .                            | 36  | 3                | 2                   | ab <sup>t</sup> 20 |
| Jerem <sup>h</sup> Gillman . . . .               | 27  | 15               | 8                   | 20 & 30            |
| Noah Kimble . . . .                              | 38  | 6                | 4                   | ab <sup>t</sup> 20 |
| Benj Perkins . . . .                             | 25  | 6                | 6                   | do                 |
| Sam <sup>l</sup> Willey . . . .                  | 23  | 3                | 5                   | do                 |
| Sam <sup>l</sup> Sherburne . . . .               | 23  | 1                | 4                   | do                 |
| Simeon Dearburne . . . .                         | 42  | 10               | 20                  | do                 |
| Joshua Edgerly . . . .                           | 76  | 2                | 8                   | do                 |
| William More . . . .                             | 74  | 3                | 3                   | do                 |
| John Gillman . . . .                             | 39  | 8                | 2                   | do                 |
| Andrew Gillman . . . .                           | 24  | 1                | 1½                  | do partly built    |
| Tho <sup>s</sup> Perkins . . . .                 | 22  | 2                | 5                   | do do              |
| John Wentworth . . . .                           | 18  | 1                | 4                   | do                 |
| David Copp . . . .                               | 15  | 1                | 6                   | 25 & 25            |
| Joseph Abbet . . . .                             | 52  | 6                | 4                   | Logg               |
| John Horn . . . .                                | 50  | 4                | 4                   | do                 |
| Daniel Hall . . . .                              | 53  | 0                | 4                   | do                 |
| Benj <sup>a</sup> Horn . . . .                   | 60  | 3                | 3                   | do                 |
| Jn <sup>o</sup> Gillman Jun <sup>r</sup> . . . . | 64  | 2                | 3                   | do                 |
| Eliphelt Quimby . . . .                          | 66  | 1                | 3                   | do                 |
| Joseph Malum . . . .                             | 90  | 3                | 3                   | do                 |
| Joseph Perkins . . . .                           | 86  | 1                | 3                   | do                 |

| Names of People who have began         | N <sup>o</sup> Lotts<br>began | Acres<br>Clear'd | Acres<br>Fell |
|--|-------------------------------|------------------|---------------|
| Jacob Welch . . . . .                  | 37                            | 10               | 4             |
| Barn <sup>s</sup> Palmer . . . . .     | 80                            | 0                | 3             |
| John Kimble . . . . .                  | 34                            | 4                | 6             |
| Andrew Gillman . . . . .               | 40                            | 4                | 6             |
| Sam <sup>l</sup> Sherburne } . . . . . | 25                            | 2                | 6             |
| Benj <sup>a</sup> Berkins } . . . . .  | 24                            | 4                | 6             |
| Nich <sup>s</sup> York . . . . .       | 9                             | 1                | 4             |
| Treth Dudley . . . . .                 | 43                            | 2                | 2             |
| Ichabod Kenney . . . . .               | 75                            |                  | 4             |
| James Garvin . . . . .                 | 67                            |                  | 8             |
| Barna <sup>s</sup> Palmer . . . . .    | 44                            | 1                | 3             |
| John Gage . . . . .                    | 41                            | —                | 3             |
| Jn <sup>o</sup> Wingate . . . . .      | 90                            | 1                | 8             |
| Sam <sup>ll</sup> Hall . . . . .       | 71                            | 0                | 15            |

No meeting House for Publick worship

The above is an Acco't of the settlements & Improvements in East Town—surv<sup>d</sup> & Examin<sup>d</sup> 

East Town Decem<sup>br</sup> 1770

Jotham Rindge & David Copp

[*Two Letters about Roads, 1774.*]

[*Masonian Papers, Vol. 8, p. 66.*]

Portsmouth July 6, 1774—

Thomas Chatburne Esq<sup>r</sup>

S<sup>r</sup> Desire you would send down the Number of the Lots Pitch'd upon by the Persons you gave Encouragement to Settle, and what Labour done upon Each Lot. If you see Col<sup>o</sup> Rust Desire him to send word Wether he will be Able to Clear out the Rode to Eastown and When—and Please to Tell him, If he Wants any Assistance of men of Cattle, to Build the Bridge Over Little pigwackit that you and M<sup>r</sup> Heath will give what Assistance he may have Occasion for—

I am S<sup>r</sup>

Your Hum<sup>l</sup> Servant

A Copy

John Penhallow in behalf  
of the Committee of Ma-  
sons Propriety



Portsmouth July 6<sup>th</sup> 1774—

S<sup>r</sup> This is to Inform you that the Proprietors of Masons Patent, have laid out a Rode from the head of Easttown to Meet the Conway Rode which will bring the Travelors down through your Town we therefore desire that you will take Carre that the Rode through your Town may be Made Convenient for Teams to pass through which Must make it a Great Advantage to your Town as it Will shorten the Distance from Dover to Conway at Least Ten Miles—

We are

S<sup>r</sup> Your Hum<sup>l</sup> Servants—

|                         |                                      |
|-------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Dan <sup>l</sup> Rogers | } Committee<br>of Mason<br>Propriety |
| John Penhallow          |                                      |

To Simeon Darburne Esq<sup>r</sup> To be Communicated to the selectmen  
of Eastown  
a Copy

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WARNER.

[This town was *Number 1* in the line of towns from Merrimack to Connecticut River, and was granted Jan. 16, 1735–6, to Thomas Stevens and others, many of whom were from Amesbury, Mass. The town was called *New Amesbury* or *Almsbury*. Granted by the Masonian Proprietors March 14, 1749–50, to Richard Jenness and others, inhabitants of Rye, and called *Jenness-town* and *Rye-town*. Regranted Dec. 24, 1767, to Jonathan Barnard and others. Incorporated as Warner Sept. 3, 1774, and named in honor of Col. Jonathan Warner, of Portsmouth. Kearsarge Gore was annexed June 13, 1818.

See Massachusetts and New Hampshire charters in preceding volumes; IX, Bouton Town Papers, 789; XIII, Hammond Town Papers, 612; Index to Laws, 586; sketch, by Moses Long, 3; Collections of N. H. Historical Society, 179; History, by Walter Harriman, 1879, p. 581; sketch, by Fred Myron Colby, Hurd's History of Merrimack County, 1886, p. 653; Stewart's History of the Free Baptists, 1862, p. 162; Baptist Churches in N. H., by E. E. Cummings, 1836, p. 22; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, p. 414; discourse, centennial celebration of Congregational Church, by H. S. Huntington, 1872; Life of Walter Harriman, by Amos Hadley, 1888; Bills of Mortality, 1817–22, 2, Farmer and Moore's Historical Collections, 200; Rambles about a Country Town, by F. M. Colby, in *Independent and Times*, 1892–1895; Proceedings at Dedication of Pillsbury Free Library Building, 1891; A Sketch of Warner, Historic and Otherwise, by Amanda B. Harris, 19, *Granite Monthly*, 411.]

[*Petition of Rye Men, 1748.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 8, p. 68.]

To the Lordproprietors of the Land not yet Granted in the Province of New Hampsheir

the Petition of Sundry of his majestys Good Subjects inhabitants of the Parish of Rye in the Above Said Province humbly Seweth

that where as there have been Considerable tracts of Land Granteed to most if not all the towns in this Province yet the inhabitants of the Parish of Rye Especialy that Part of it taken from Portsmouth and hampton have never been benefited by them

We therefore Humbly Pray that we may have a Grant of Such lands made us in this Province as in your Grate wisdom you Shall think fet.

|   |   |                                    |
|---|---|------------------------------------|
| Rich <sup>d</sup> Jennes Esq <sup>r</sup> | John Garland                            | franceis Lock                      |
| Daniel molten                             | m <sup>r</sup> Samll Parsons            | Job Jennes                         |
| Joshua Jennes                             | Rich <sup>d</sup> Rand                  | franceis Jennes                    |
| Joseph marston                            | Joseph Lock                             | John Knowles                       |
| John Knowles jun                          | Samuel Knowles                          | William Chamberlin                 |
| thomas watson                             | Samuel Rand                             | Joseph Sevey                       |
| william Langmaid                          | Mark fors                               | Jethro Goss                        |
| James Philbreck                           | John Garland jun                        | Amos Knowles                       |
| David Knowles                             | Christepher Palmer                      | Stephen Palmer                     |
| Jonathen Palmer                           | willam Palmer                           | Simon Garland                      |
| Daniel malten jun                         | Ephraim Holmes                          | Dacen Rand                         |
| Solomon Dowst                             | Noah molten                             | Joshua Rand                        |
| Rich <sup>d</sup> Jennes jun              | Rich <sup>d</sup> Jennes 3 <sup>d</sup> | Samuel Sevey                       |
| Samuel Sevey jun                          | Henery Sevey                            | frances Jennes j <sup>r</sup>      |
| thomas Jennes                             | Nathanail Jennes                        | Reuben molten                      |
| James Lock jun                            | Henry Elkins                            | Epharim Lock                       |
| Jonathain towl                            | Jonathain towl jun                      | John Shagll                        |
| Edward blew                               | Daniel fogg                             | Samuel walles                      |
| Samauel Bracket                           | Hezekiah Jennes                         | Edward Rendel                      |
| Joseph Knowls                             | James Knowls                            | Isaac Lebbey                       |
| Jeremiah fuller                           | frances Lock ju <sup>r</sup>            | Joseph fuller                      |
| John fuller                               | Henery Dow                              | Amos Rand                          |
| Ozom Dowest                               | Ebenezer Philbreck                      | Ebenezer Philbreck ju <sup>r</sup> |
| Jacob Leby                                | Samuel Jenness                          | Joseph Jenness                     |
| Sam <sup>ll</sup> Lebey                   | John Lebey                              | Jeremiah berrey                    |
| John Lane                                 | Sam <sup>ll</sup> Wells                 | Benjagaim Lampree                  |
| Isaac Lebbe jun                           | Josiah webster                          | Willem Marden                      |







[*Proposals of Settlers.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 8, p. 86.]

Proposals Humbly Offerd by us here After Named we Do hereby Promise & Oblige Our Selves to Cleare three Acres of Land to Each rite in three Years

And to Settle ten Families in five Years

And fifteen familes in Seven years

And that we will Settle twent families in Nine

And to Build a meeting House & to Provide A Minister to Preach the Gorsple to the families that Shall then be Settled on S<sup>d</sup> Township with in the Nine Years

Jonathan towle }  
 Franceis Jennes }  
 Rich<sup>d</sup> Jennes 3<sup>d</sup> }  
 Com<sup>tee</sup>



[*Charter of Warner, 1749.*]

[Masonian Proprietors' Records, March 14, 1749.]

Voted That there be & hereby is Granted unto Richard Jennes Esq<sup>r</sup> Francis Lock Isaac Libbey John Garland M<sup>r</sup> Samuel Parsons M<sup>r</sup> Joseph Jennes Francis Jennes Job Jennes Ephraim Lock Joshua Jennes Noah Moulton Samuel Jennes Jeremiah Fuller Francis Lock jun<sup>r</sup> Christopher Palmer Jonathan Palmer Jethro Gorse Joseph Seavy Ebenezer Philbrick Richard Rand Stephen Palmer Daniel Moulton Richard Jennes Third Edward Blue Joshua Rand John Garland jun<sup>r</sup> Simon Garland Solomon Dowst Daniel Fogg Samuel Seavy Henry Seavy John Knowls John Knowls jun<sup>r</sup> James Knowls Jonathan Towle John Quin Henry Dow James Philbrick Amos Knowls Isaac Libbey jun<sup>r</sup> Jacob Libbey Samuel Bracket Joseph Knowls Thomas Jennes W<sup>m</sup> Palmer Joseph Lock Jun<sup>r</sup> Arthur Libbey Ebenezer Philbrick jun<sup>r</sup> Josiah Webster Benjamin Lamprey John Jennes Jun<sup>r</sup> his heirs Jonathan Towle Jun<sup>r</sup> Hezekiah Jennes Joshua Weeks Richard Jennes Jun<sup>r</sup> Nath<sup>l</sup> Jennes Nathan Moulton Sam<sup>l</sup> Knowls Rich<sup>d</sup> Jackman Meshech Bell 3<sup>rd</sup> Henry Elkins Rich<sup>d</sup> Jennes 4<sup>th</sup> Thomas Jennes Jun<sup>r</sup> Levi Towle David Moulton Jonathan Jennes Samuel Libbey Daniel Moulton Jun<sup>r</sup> Joshua Rand Jun<sup>r</sup> Francis Blake All of Rye & New Castle Joseph Parsons of Bradford Andrew Maclary John Blake Jun<sup>r</sup> both of Epsom Stephen Gerrish of Contoocook Hunking Wentworth & Thomas Parker both of Portsmouth In Equal shares on the Terms Conditions & Limitations herein after Expressed all that Tract of Land within the Province of New Hampshire Containing the Extent & Quantity of six Miles Square Bounded as follows Viz<sup>t</sup> Begining at the South west Corner of a place Called & Known by the Name of Contoocook thence Runing North Fifteen Degrees West six Miles then Runing from Each End of this line West Five Degrees South Six Miles then Crossing & Runing over on a Strait Course from one End of these last Mentioned lines to the Other—

So as to make up the said Quantity of six Miles Square & no More To have and to hold to them their Heirs & Assigns in Equal Shares on the following Conditions and Limitations That is to Say That the Whole Tract of Land within the said Boundries (saving what is herein after Mentioned to be otherwise Improved) Be Divided into One hundred Rights or Shares & Each Share into two Distinct Lots one of which is to Contain One hundred Acres And the Other all the Rest of the Land belonging to Each Respective Share That the two Lots which belong to One share be Numbered with the same Number begining with one & Ending with one hundred That the Said Land to

be so laid out within One Year from the granting thereof & then the Lots drawn in the usual Manner of Drawing for Lots of Land in such Cases And that this be done under the Care & Direction of the Grantors & that there be but One Draft for the two Lots Belonging to each Share That one of the said shares be for the first Minister of the Gospel who shall be settled on the said Land & Continue there During his life or untill he shall be Regularly Dismised to hold to him his heirs & Assigns And one Other of the said Shares be for & towards the support of the Gospel Ministry there forever And the hundred Acre Lots belonging to these two shares Shall be laid out as Near the place where the Meeting house shall be built as may be Conveniently & not Drawn as the other Lots That there be ten acres of Land left in some Convenient place within said Boundaries for Building a Meeting house & School house upon and to Improve for A Training Field a Burying place & any other Publick use the Inhabitants there shall see Cause to Make of the Same That one other of said shares be for the use of & Support of a School there forever That seventeen of said shares be & hereby are Reserved to the use of the said Proprietors the Grantors in these Presents their heirs & Assigns That the Owners of the other Eighty shares make a Regular Settlement there at their own Charge & Expence in the following Manner Viz<sup>t</sup> That thirty Families be settled upon said Tract of Land Each having a house Equal to sixteen foot square or More & three acres of Land cleared & fitted for Mowing or Tillage upon their Respective Lots within four Years from the Granting thereof & ten Families More so settled within two Years from the same time That a Meeting house for the Publick Worship of God be built within Six years & the Constant Preaching of the Gospel Maintained there next after twelve years from the granting of the said Land That there be twenty Acres of Land left in some Suitable Place within said Boundaries for a Priviledge & Accommodation of a Saw Mill which shall be to and for him or them his or their heirs & Assigns who will Build such Mill within two years from the time aforesaid with the Priviledge of the Most Convenient Stream & Place for that Purpose & in Consideration thereof for the Benefit of the Said Inhabitants the Owner or Owners of such Mill shall saw the Logs and Timber of the other Inhabitants afores<sup>d</sup> or Settlers there to the halves for the Term of ten years next after the said Mill shall first work if desired so to do & if no Particular Person or Persons of the said Owners of said Shares or Such other as the Major Part of them shall admitt will undertake to Build Such Mill on the said Terms then the said Owners shall do the same at their Common Expence & put the Said mill under such a Regulation as that they & others Inhabiting there May be served with Boards &



other Saw'd Stuff on Just & Reasonable Terms of Carrying an End the said Settlement—

That Each Owners of the said Eighty shares Pay to such Person or Persons as the Major part of them shall Determine And Chuse for that Purpose all such sum & Sums of Money as the said Major Part shall Determine to be Necessary from time to time to Defray the Charges of Laying out the said Lots & other Matters & things herein directed to be done & Necessary to be at their Common Expence for Making Said Settlement—

That in Laying out the said Lots Care be taken to sort them in Such a manner as to make the shares as Equal as Posible That the Lots be laid in Ranges where the Land will admit of it & Land left between the Ranges for high Ways of four Rods wide & between the lots of two Rods wide That a Plan of the whole when so laid out be Made at the Charge of the said owners & Returned to the Grantors as soon as may be Conveniently done That the Remaining Seventeen Shares Reserved as aforesaid be Exonerated Acquited & fully Exempted from paying any Charge towards Making the said settlement & not held to the Conditions of the Eighty Shares afores<sup>d</sup> nor liable to any Tax or assessment untill Improved by the Respective Owners thereof—

That all white Pine Trees fit for Masting the Royal Navy be & hereby are Reserved & Granted to his Majesty his heirs and Successors forever for that Purpose—

That in Case the Grantees shall fail neglect & omit to settle Forty Families upon the said Tract of Land in Manner afores<sup>d</sup> & within the Term aforesaid & to do & perform the Several Matters & things herein before Mentioned by them to be done the s<sup>d</sup> Grantees shall forfeit their Right to any & Every part of the said Granted premises and the said Grantors may Lawfully Enter into & upon the same or any part thereof in the Name of the whole or any Person or Persons for them & in their Names stead & behalf & be thereof Seized again as tho' this Grant had not been made Provided Nevertheless that Those Particular Persons of the said Grantees who shall have performed his or their Part according to the true Intent & Meaning of these Presents as above shall have hold & Enjoy to him his heirs & Assigns his or their Particular shares afores<sup>d</sup> And In Case the said owners of the Eighty shares shall within the Term aforesaid Make finish & Compleat the Settlement of forty Families as afores<sup>d</sup> & shall do & perform all the Several Articles matters & things by them to be done as afores<sup>d</sup> Every Particular Person of the said Owners who shall be delinquent & neglect to do & perform his Respective share part & proportion of his Duty buisness matters & things afores<sup>d</sup> by him to be done according

to the true Intent & meaning of these Presents such Delinquent owner shall forfeit his share & Right to the said Tract of Land any and Every Part thereof to such of the s<sup>d</sup> Owners who Shall have done and performed as aforesaid & they may have hold & Enjoy the same to them their heirs & assigns & hereby are Entitled to the Grantors Right thereto & may Enter into & upon the Same & take full Seizin thereof to their own use as fully & amply as the Grantors themselves might Lawfully do as afores<sup>d</sup> Provided always that in Case of an Indian War within any of the Terms of years above Limited for the doing any of the matters & things aforesaid by the said owners to be done the same Number of years Respectively shall be allowed after that Impediment shall be Removed And in Case any action or suits shall be bro't against the s<sup>d</sup> Grantees for the s<sup>d</sup> Tract of land or any Part thereof in the Right of the King under the Massachusetts Province the Claim of Sam<sup>l</sup> Allen Esq<sup>r</sup> Deceased or the Million acre Grant so called the said Grantees are hereby Obligated to Vouch the said Grantors or such of the said Grantees as shall be so sued shall so do & the said Grantors hereby Promise & Ingage they their heirs Executors administrators or assigns shall & will at their own Cost & Expence Defend one Action or suit upon one of the said Titles or Rights & Pursue the same to final Judgement through the whole Course of the Law (if there shall be Occasion) And in Case the final Judgment in such Trial Shall be against the s<sup>d</sup> Grantors the Grantees shall Recover Nothing over in satisfaction of & from the said Grantors their heirs Executors or administrators or any of them—

[*Draft of Lots, 1750.*]

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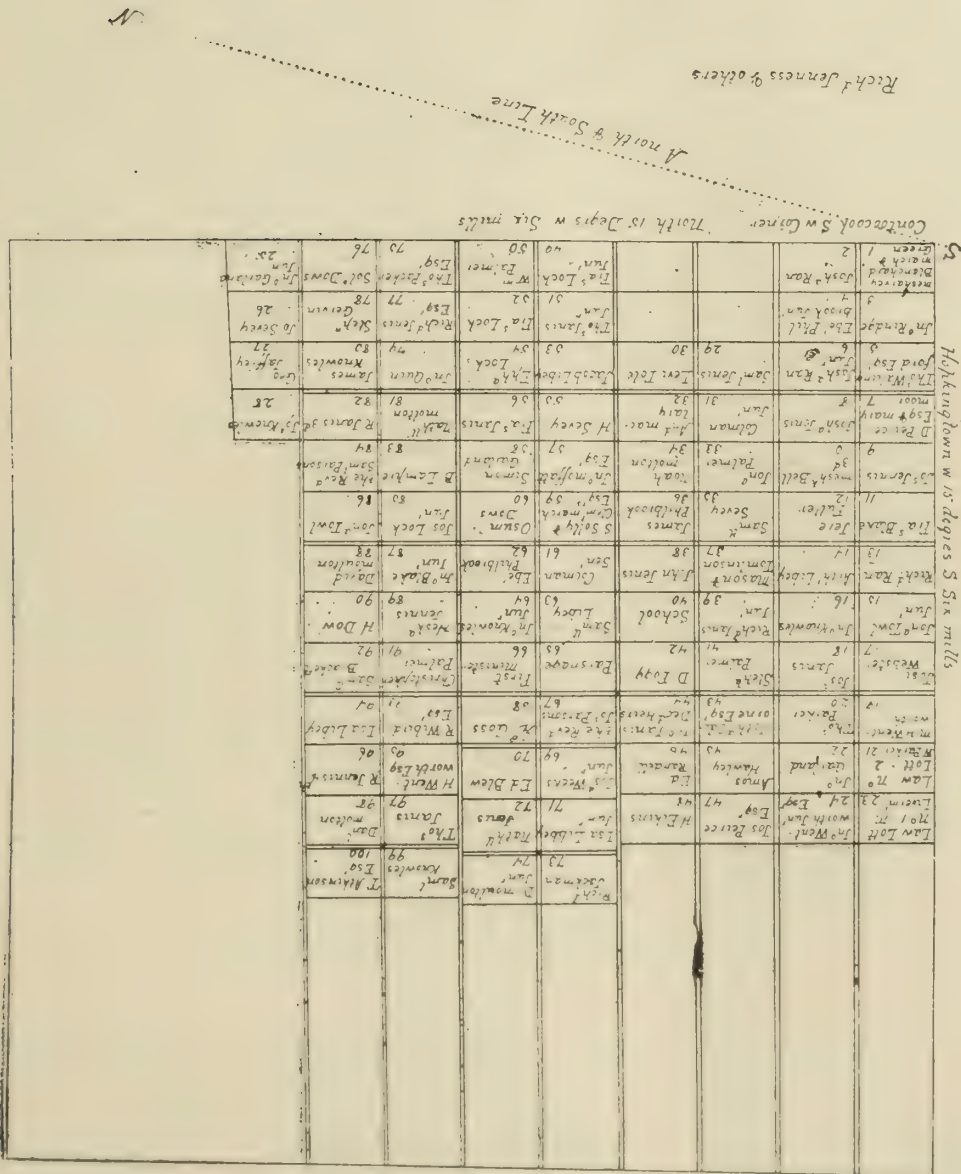
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Province of New Hampshire Portsmouth October 23<sup>d</sup> 1750—  
The Draft of the Lots of the Township, or Tract of Land granted  
To Rich<sup>d</sup> Jennes Esq<sup>r</sup> Francis Lock & others march 14<sup>th</sup> 1749—

[Plan of Lots.]



[*Abstract of Votes of Town Proprietors, 1736-67.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 8, p. 70.]

The Township N<sup>o</sup> 1 granted by the General Court of the Province of the Massachusetts Bay to a Number of People living in Amesbury & Salsbury Novemb<sup>r</sup> y<sup>e</sup> 21<sup>st</sup> 1736 and a Charter given, and a Committee choose, And the Propriety gave Bonds to S<sup>d</sup> Committee for the fulfilment of the Charter which cost each Proprietor four Pounds.

At a Meeting of the Proprietors of the abovesaid Township Octob<sup>r</sup> y<sup>e</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> 1736 Meet and choose a Committee to lay Out 63 Lots and at the next meeting Nov<sup>r</sup> 25, 1736 the Committee made return that they Laid Out 63 forty Acre Lots and were paid each 9<sup>s</sup> p<sup>r</sup> Day

At a Meeting Nov<sup>r</sup> y<sup>e</sup> 23, 1738 the Proprietors choose a Committee to lay out 63 five Acre Lots which was done and a Return made at y<sup>e</sup> Adjournment of S<sup>d</sup> Meeting, and the Lots drawn

At a Meeting January y<sup>e</sup> 21, 1738 Voted to clear a Way from Con-  
tucook River to y<sup>e</sup> Meeting House Lot and at the Same meeting Voted to build a Saw Mill in S<sup>d</sup> Township & Choose a Committee to build & finish it by the Last Day of August Next

At a Meeting March 21 1739 the Committee made a Return that they had built & finished the Mill & cleared the Way which cost the Proprietors Near 400£

At a Meeting March y<sup>e</sup> 18 1740 Voted that Tho<sup>s</sup> Rowell Esq<sup>r</sup> and Lieu<sup>t</sup> Joseph Jewell be a Committee to present a Petition to his Excellency the Governor and Council in the Province of New Hampshire for Liberty and direction to bring forward the Settlement of S<sup>d</sup> Township.

At a Meeting Decemb<sup>r</sup> 18, 1749 Voted to build five Houses in S<sup>d</sup> Township and Choose a Committee to build & Compleat said Houses by y<sup>e</sup> 26 Day of January

At a Meeting Jan<sup>y</sup> 26, 1749 the Committee made a Return that they had built 4 Houses according to the Order of the Court

At a Meeting Feb<sup>y</sup> 12, 1749/50 Voted that the 5 first Families that will Settle in S<sup>d</sup> Township shall have 5 Houses and 20£ each Yearly for 5 Years

The Charges for Clearing Land & Ways &<sup>c</sup> is Supposed would amount to Eleven or twelve Hundred Pounds Massachusetts Money

The Charges that have arose for laying Out 3 Divisions of Land building the Saw Mill & Dam running the Line round the Town building the Meeting House & Preaching amounts to 28£., 18S., 6D on Each Right from June 21 1763 to March y<sup>e</sup> 31 1767

Nehemiah Ordway  
Propriators Clark



[*Votes of Town Proprietors, 1767.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 8, p. 71.]

The Propriators of a Township of Land Call<sup>d</sup> N<sup>o</sup> 1 in the Line of Townships so Call<sup>d</sup> Granted by the Province of the Massachusets Bay in the year 1733 And by the Runing the Line Between the Provinces s<sup>d</sup> Township fell within the Bounds of New hampsh<sup>r</sup> Government; And Now Claim<sup>d</sup> by the Propriators of Masons Patten so Call<sup>d</sup> Meet this 27 Day of July 1767 And Being Legualy warnd And assembled Chose Tho<sup>s</sup> Rowel Esq<sup>r</sup> Moderator And voted to Chuse a Committee to wait on the s<sup>d</sup> Propriators And to agree with them And Take sufficient security for the original Propriators of said Township or their assigns if thay Can in a Reasonable maner at the Same Meeting Made Choice of Cap<sup>t</sup> Jonathan Barnard Mes<sup>s</sup> Increes Morrill & Ezekiel Evens To Transact s<sup>d</sup> affair in Behalf And for the use of the Propriaty

Almsbury July y<sup>e</sup> 27: 1767

Nehemiah Ordway { Propriators  
Clark

[*Committee and List of Proprietors, 1767.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 8, p. 72.]

at a Meeting of the Propriators of the township N<sup>o</sup> 1 in the Line of towns in the Province of New Hampsheire the fourth Day of Novemb<sup>r</sup> 1767 Voted Mess Jonathan Barnard Increes Moraill And Ezekiel Evens a Committee To Take a Charter of the Above S<sup>d</sup> town of the Propriators of Masons Patten; And Give them Security of the Sum Agreed upon in Behalf of the Propriaty

Nehemiah Ordway Propriators clark

The Propriators Are As followeth

|   |                             |                               |
|---|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Nathan Currier                            | Nehemiah Ordway 2 Rights    |                               |
| Umphrey Perce                             | Ruben Dimon                 | Joseph Jewel                  |
| Sam <sup>l</sup> Barnard Jun <sup>r</sup> | Barnard Hoyt                | Benjamin Evens                |
| And Stephen Colby                         | 1 Joseph Easmund            | Simion Morrill                |
| Elihu Gould                               | John Nechals                | Rev <sup>d</sup> Pain wingate |
| Thomas Rowel Esq <sup>r</sup>             | Tho <sup>s</sup> Barnard    | Daniel Ring                   |
| Benjamin Tucker                           | Simion Bartlet              | Enoch Sargant                 |
| Bartholome Heth                           | Jonathan Pressey            | Stephen Merrill               |
| Nathaniel Currier                         | w <sup>d</sup> Esther Colby | John wells                    |

|                                   |                                   |                                   |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Daniel Quimby                     | Ing <sup>n</sup> Increes Morrill  | Tho <sup>s</sup> Fowler           |
| Barns Jewel                       | Nathan Goodwin                    | Francis Davis                     |
| Peter Sargant                     | Aron Rowel                        | Tho <sup>s</sup> Jewel            |
| Abraham Merrill                   | D <sup>r</sup> Gorg Abbet         | Jeremiah Flanders                 |
| Sam <sup>l</sup> Barnard 2 Rights | and a half                        | Cap <sup>t</sup> Jonathan Barnard |
| Theodor Hoyt                      | Nehemiah Ordway J <sup>r</sup>    | Ezekiel Evems                     |
| Gideon Rowel                      | Sam <sup>l</sup> & Israel Straw 1 | James Ordway                      |
| Ezekiel Morrill                   | Jarvis Ring                       | Joseph Jones                      |
| D <sup>r</sup> Stephen Sargant    | Will: Straw half Right            |                                   |
| Ben: Sargant                      | David Bagley                      | Ben: Osgood                       |
| Easmund Hoyt                      | Jonathan Martin                   | } 1 Daniel Morrill                |
|                                   | and Eliphlet Lowell               |                                   |

At the Adjournment of the meeting of the Propriators of New-  
almesbury Voted that Jonathan Presseys Name be Enterd Instead of  
John Presseys—

Nehemiah Ordway Clark

[ *William Parker to Theodore Atkinson.* ]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 8, p. 87.]

Sir If I had the necessary Information I coud today & tomorrow  
Prepare the Grant to be made to Cap<sup>t</sup> Barnard & others—the Main  
thing is the bounds they left a Plan with me when they were first  
down but took it away the last time so that I have no materials by  
me—the Terms & time they are to have to Perform the Settlement  
&c the names of the Grantees which are to be first Mentiond in the  
Grant If these things are not to be had to day I Shall not be Ready  
by tomorrow night—I woud have waited on you my Self but have  
met with an Accident which has Lam'd me that it is with difficulty I  
can go about my Room—Please to Send me an answer by the bearer  
and Please to Send for M<sup>r</sup> Jaffrey & Consult him or perhaps the  
work may meet with Exceptions & Rubs—

I am Your Humble Serv<sup>t</sup>

William Parker

Dec<sup>r</sup> 22

Theod. Atkinson Esq<sup>r</sup>

[ *Theodore Atkinson to George Jaffrey.* ]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 8, p. 88.]

S<sup>r</sup> I now Enclose you M<sup>r</sup> Parkers request in order to be prepared  
for the Almsbury Men You can furnish him with the Bounds which



may Correspond with Jannes's Grant by adding the Words *about—degrees* & as our Grants Lies on Each Side there can be no mistake only in the 6 Miles which finishes at a Stake (if I remember) in a Meadow—Let that be Six Miles & no more—The Terms of Settlement<sup>t</sup> 3 Years—as to the Grantees Names I know nothing of them—You have their Plan—I should be Glad to have this Affair Concluded & Am S<sup>r</sup>

Your Very Humble Serv<sup>t</sup>

Theodore Atkinson

[*Regrant of Warner, 1777.*]

[Masonian Proprietors' Records, Dec. 24, 1767.]

Province of } Portsmouth December 24<sup>th</sup> 1767 Eleaven of the  
New Hampsh<sup>r</sup> } Clock before noon at the dwelling house of Daniel  
Peirce Esqu<sup>r</sup> the Proprietors meet according to adjournment—

Whereas Cap<sup>t</sup> Jonathan Barnard, Increes Morrill & Ezekiel Evans have applied to said Proprietors in Behalf of themselves & others whose Names are herein after mentioned for the right of said Proprietors to a Tract of Land hereinafter Described, which they were disposed to settle with all Convenient Dispatch and the said Proprietors being desirous of Encouraging the settlement of all the Lands within their Claim and of Accomodating such Persons who were Inclined to make such Settlements—And for the greater Advantage of the Settlers, Instead of reserving a part to the Grantors as has been usually done by them in such Cases have agreed to take a Sum of Money as an Acknowledgement of their Right—And thereupon it is—

Voted that there be & hereby is granted all the Right, Title, Interest, Property & Demand of said Proprietors, in & to that Tract of Land, containing the Quantity of Six Mile Square, within the following bounds, viz<sup>t</sup> beginning at a place called & known by the Name of Contoocook, thence running North fifteen Degrees West Six Miles, then running from each End of this Line West five Degrees South Six miles, then Crossing and running over on a strait Course from one End of these last mentioned Lines, at the End of the said Six Miles to the other so as to make up the Quantity of Six Miles Square & no more, In Consideration of the Sum of one hundred & Eighty Pounds to the said Proprietors in hand paid, or secured to be paid by the Grantees whose Names are as follows, viz<sup>t</sup> the said Jonathan Barnard, Increes Morrill, Ezekiel Evans Nathan Currier, Nehemiah Ordway, two Rights or Shares, Humphry Peirce, Reuben Diamond, Joseph Jewell, Samuel Barnard Jun<sup>r</sup> & Stephen Colby both one Share,

Barnard Hoyt, Benjamin Evans, Joseph Eastmond, Simeon Morral, Elihu Goold, John Nichols, the Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Pain Wingate Thomas Rowell Esq<sup>r</sup> Thomas Barnard, David Ring, Benjamin Tucker, Simeon Bartlet, Enoch Tucker, Bartholomew Heath, Jonathan Pressy, Stephen Merrill, Nathaniel Currier, the Widow Esther Coleby John Wells, Daniel Quinby, Nehemiah Ordway, Thomas Fowler, Barnes Jewell, Nathan Goodwin, Francis Davis, Peter Sargent, Aaron Rowell, Thomas Jewell, Abraham Merrill, D<sup>r</sup> George Abbot, Jeremiah Flanders, Samuel Barnard two Rights & an half, Theodore Hoyt, Nehemiah Ordway jun<sup>r</sup> Gideon Rowell, Samuel Straw, & Israel Straw both one, James Ordway, Ezekiel Morrall, Jarvis Ring, Joseph Jones, D<sup>n</sup> Stephen Sargent, William Straw half a Right, Benjamin Sargent, David Bagley, Benj<sup>a</sup> Osgood, Eastmond Hoyt, Jon<sup>a</sup> Martin & Eliphalet Lowell, both one, Daniel Morrell, on the Terms, Limitations and Conditions, herein after Express'd—To have and to hold to them the said Grantees, in several & Seperate Shares, to them & their several & Respective Heirs & Assigns forever, on the following Terms & Conditions viz<sup>t</sup> that the said Grantees settle forty Families, each having a house of Eighteen feet in length, and Sixteen feet in breadth, or Equivalent thereto & three Acres of Land fit for Tillage, Mowing or Pasturing within three years to each Family, that they lay out three Rights or Shares, one for the use of the first Minister of the Gospel, who shall be ordain'd & Settled there, that one right be for the use of the Ministry in the Town, when so Incorporated forever, and one other Right for the use of a School, for & towards the Support thereof forever, Each of said Rights to be laid out into Lots as the Grantees manage the other Rights, & to be free from the Charge of Settlement or any Publick Taxes to that End—That each Grantee faithfully & duly pay his Proportion of all Taxes that shall be agreed by the Majority at any legal Meeting for carrying on the Settlement—That they build a Meeting house & Maintain Constant Preaching there from & after the Term of three Years from the Date hereof.

That all White Pine trees growing on said Tract of Land be & hereby are reserv'd for his Majesty's Use.—That each Grantee who shall neglect to pay his Proportion of the Taxes that shall be agreed on as aforesaid shall forfeit so much of his Share as will raise the Money at which he is assess'd, whether laid out into Lots, or lying in Common, and the other Grantees shall hereby have Power to direct how & in what Manner the same shall be dispos'd of for this Purpose, & he who shall not perform the Duty required of him as his Proportion and part of making the said Settlement, shall forfeit his whole Right or Share to those of said Grantees who shall have duly performed the same.—



But in Case the Majority of said Grantees shall neglect to make the settlement, & perform the several matters & things Necessary thereunto, according to the time above limitted, they shall forfeit the whole Tract to the said Grantors, & it shall & may be Lawfull for them to Enter into the same, to repossess, become reseized thereof as in their former Estate—And there is also reserved in said Tract of Land, Land sufficient for Convenient High Ways, through the said Tract of Land, as is usually granted in other Towns by said Proprietors.—

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[*Petition of Ebenezer Hall, Jr., 1769.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 8, p. 73.]

Portchmoutch June the 5<sup>d</sup> 1769—

To the proprieters of A track of land Caled tuftens maisons Pattain Gentelmen Propitiers I would inform you that their is a Track of land joining the township of Newalmsbury N 1 on the North side and Runs westeardly to the township of Pearies town So caled and this track of land is a mile wide on the Eastardly End of it—And if said Proprietiers have A mind to Sell this track of land I shuld be glad for to pertech it or if you Dont see good for to sell it but should Be a moin to Give away some for setteling I should be glad of the faiver of Settelng for you and So I Remains your Humbel servant—

Ebenezer Hall jun<sup>r</sup>  
of Concord in Newhamsher

And I Shuld be glad for to know wether you intend to let me have this land or no as soon as you Can and Send me word as soon as you can—

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[*Petition of Town Proprietors, 1770.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 8, p. 74.]

To the Proprietors of Masons Patten in the Province of Newhamp<sup>r</sup> &c

The Petition of the Proprietors of A Township of Land Lying Within s<sup>d</sup> Patten<sup>t</sup> Call<sup>d</sup> New Almsbury Humbly Sheweth

That the said Proprietors of s<sup>d</sup> Patten was Pleased to Grant a township of Land Lying Within s<sup>d</sup> Patten unto us the Supscribers on the Compliance of Certain Condition Stipulated in the Charter of s<sup>d</sup>

Town and the out Lines of s<sup>d</sup> Town, and the Bounds thereof are Not as yet Run or asertaind, Therefore pray that the Hon<sup>ble</sup> Proprietors of s<sup>d</sup> Patten would be pleased to Appoynt and Impower An able Servayer to Runn the out Lines of s<sup>d</sup> Town and Errect Bounds, and that to be Done on the Expence of the Grantees, Which Will much oblige your Humble petitions Who in Duty bound Will Ever pray—

Portsmouth Aprill 16<sup>th</sup> 1770

Barnard Hoyt

} Com<sup>tee</sup> of the  
Proprietors of  
New Almsbury

Henry Morrill

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[*Petition of Increase Morrill, 1772.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 8, p. 75.]

To the Committe of the Hon<sup>ble</sup> the proprietors of Masons Pattent So Call<sup>d</sup> in the Province of New Hamp<sup>r</sup>—Humbly Sheweth

That your Petitioner was one of the proprietors of New Almsbury in s<sup>d</sup> Province which was Granted by your Hon<sup>rs</sup> to him and others in the year 1766—And very Soon after obtaining s<sup>d</sup> Grant—your petetioner Began to make Improvements In s<sup>d</sup> Township and Continued Clearing & Cultivating the Land Untill he had Got forty acors of the Trees Cut Down, and Thirty Cleard up & had Raised one Hund<sup>d</sup> Bushuls Grain in a year and Erected Building So that he Could Maintain himself & famaly Comfortable—But So it happend that one Jonathan Palmer Broke in Upon your petitionrs Improvement, so that he was obliged to have Recourse to the Law, and after Going to the Expence of Carreying the Cause through the Law Lost the Land and all his Labour and Expence, in Clearing the Land, & Carreying it through the Law, by Reason of a prier Right he had formerly obtaind by your Hon<sup>rs</sup> for the Same Land—all Which hes put your petetioner to Great Inconveniencies as Well as the Loss of aboute four Hundred Dolles in Cash

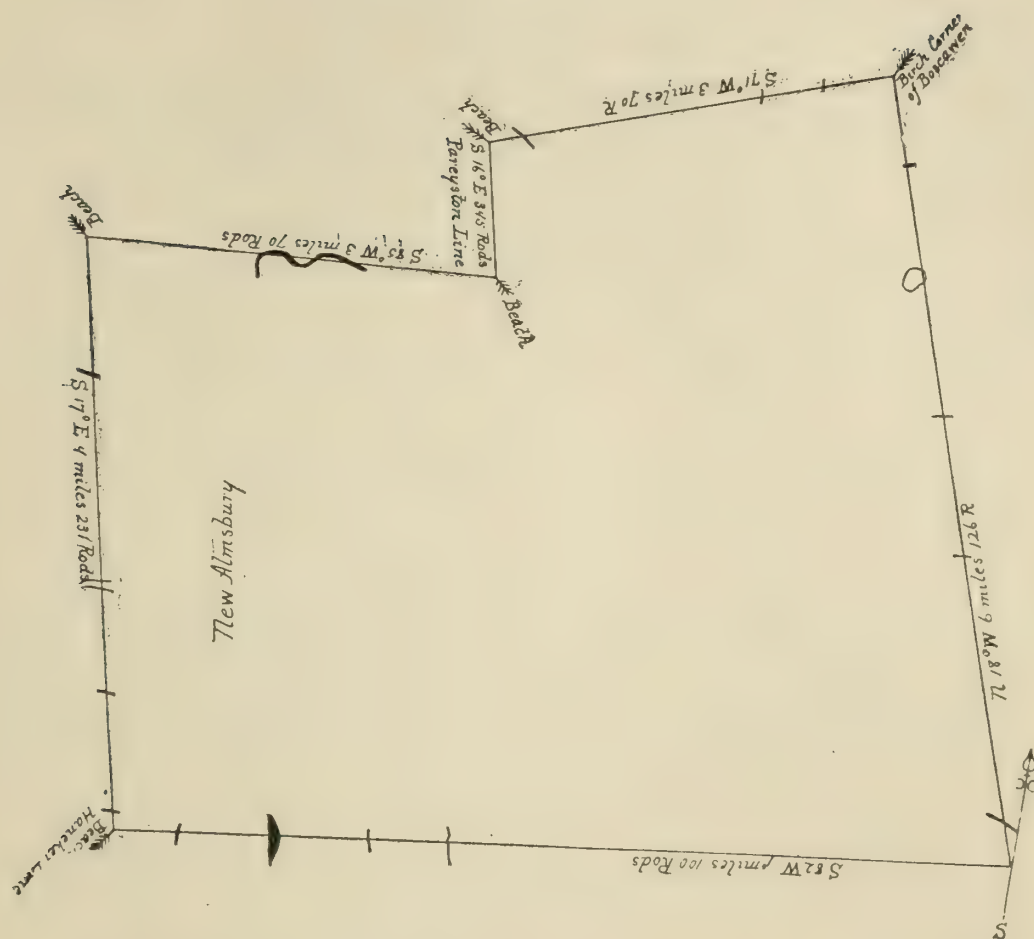
Therefor your petetioner Prays that you Would Take Case into your Wise Consideration, and Make him A Grant of Some of the proprietors unapropriated Land as you in your Know Justice Shall See Meet and your petetioner as in Duty Bound Will Ever pray

Portsmouth June 17<sup>th</sup> 1772

Incees Morrill



## [Plan of Warner, 1772.]



This Plan Shews the out Boundrey Lines of the Town of New Almsbury Wherein is Contained Six miles Squar of Land or Twenty three thousand and forty acres as Given in to me by my Chane men under oath and is Bounded as folows; Beganing at a Stake in a madow in the Line of Boscawen and Run N. 18° West by said Boscawen Line Six miles 126 Rods to a Birch the North west Corner of Said town, then South 71 West, three miles 70 Rods to a Beach tree in Pareystown Line Markd H N 1772 then on Said Pareys Town Line South 16° E 345 Rods to Pareys Town Corner to a Beach tree and heap of Stons, then South 85° West 3 miles 70 Rods to a Beach tree marked as aforesaid and a heap of Stons then South 17° East 4 miles 231 Rods to a Beach Tree and heap of Stons marked as aforesaid in Haneker Line, then by Said Haneker Line North 83° East 7 miles 100 Rods to the Stake in the madow first began at Survey august 16<sup>th</sup> 1772

ϕ Hubartus Neal Dep<sup>t</sup> Surver

[*Petition of Jonathan Palmer, 1774.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 8, p. 76.]

Province of } To the Hon<sup>ble</sup> the Proprietors of Lands Purchased  
New Hampsh<sup>r</sup> } of John Tufton Mason Esq<sup>r</sup> in the Province afore-  
Rockingham ss } said

The Petition of Jonathan Palmer of New Almsbury in the County of Hillsborough and Province aforesaid—Humbly Sheweth That your Petitioner, several years ago settled on a tract of Land in said New Almsbury, which was granted by your honours, to the inhabitants of the Parish of Rye together with others their Associates, & in & by the Charter your honours did ingage with said proprietors that you would, defray the Charges of any Lawsuit which might be Commenced against any of s<sup>d</sup> Proprietors of S<sup>d</sup> New Almsbury or any Claiming under them, by any Person Claiming the same under a Massuchetts Grant, That Soon after your Petitioner Settled as aforesaid, he was Sued by one Increase Morrill in an Action of Trespass, & defended the Action through three Courts, and finally Recovered Cost against the said Morrill. That your Petitioner is a poor man & Spent a Great deal of money, more than he Could Legally Recover by way of Cost Against the said Morrill, and has otherways been put to Great trouble and Loss of time—Therefore your s<sup>d</sup> Petitioner humbly prays your honours Considering the Circumstances of the Whole matter, that you would make him a Grant of as much Vacant Land, some where in your honours Patent as you think a Mete Recompence for the trouble & Expence & Loss of time, which your Petitioner has Suffered by Reason aforesaid, (as your Petitioner has Eight Sons,) and such a Grant as is above Petitioned for, may greatly Advance your honours interest in your s<sup>d</sup> Patent & tend to Enable your Petitioner and his said sons, (by the blessings of Providence) with industry to Live in a Comfortable manner, and your Petitioner as in duty bound will ever pray &c

Portsmouth January 24<sup>th</sup> 1774.

Jonathan Palmer

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[*Letter from Samuel Holland, 1774.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 8, p. 77.]

Portsmouth, 1st March 1774—

Gentlemen

In the Course of my laying down the several Townships & Grants of Land in that part of this Province which is Held by you under the



Claim of Tuffton Mason Esq. I find some Tracts yet ungranted, & among them the Mountain of Kayasarges with a Small Quantity of Land fit for Cultivation surrounding it: As I am inclined to Make a Settlement there, I shall be glad to know as soon as convenient, either by Letter, or if desired an Interview, whether the Same be agreeable to You & on what Terms I may obtain a Grant of it.

Attending your Answer, I remain Gentlemen,

Your most obedient humble Servant.

Samuel Holland

The Proprietors holding under the Claim of Tuffton Mason, Esq in New Hampshire.

[*Andrew Smith's Request, 1774.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 8, p. 78.]

Mem<sup>o</sup> Andrew Smith of New Holderness desire he may have a Settlement in a Gore of Land between Boscawen & Britain Woods, & takes in part of Carasaige,

N B if not Land enough for a Township, whither they will Grant or Sell him Some of it. Portsm<sup>o</sup> June 9<sup>th</sup> 1774—

[*Two More Requests, 1779.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 8, p. 78.]

Mr William Courser has Got upon Some Land Near Kierserge Mountain, upon that Lot of Land Called the Gore and Disires that he may be Quieted in it he paying What the Proprietors Shall think Reasonable—

Portsm<sup>o</sup> July 17<sup>th</sup> 1779

Cap<sup>t</sup> Atkinson Desires that the proprietors would Conclude what they woud Take for the Whole Tract, or so much of it as is Lotted by Plan

[*Letter from Jonathan Palmer, 1779.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 8, p. 79.]

warner August 23: 1779 to the Honorable jentlemen of masons Propriaters and in perticular Tto Squiar joarg jeffers Greeting sir it is long sence as you my Remember that i carried in a Pertition to your

Honours to grant some land which sevrall of your honours gave me in coragement And for these Reasons 1<sup>st</sup> in your Charter to Rye Propriatrs that if any perticular Persn or Persns were sewd by the Mercichuits in ther no body sewd but i and your honours neglected to help me one frthing i aplied to sevrall of your honours in the law sute to borow a pistereen in astant or half a pistereen but could not git it And by your mis conduct Plese y Honours selling the Town which was then called jannes town to amsbery years before the charter was forfeited i lost Seven hundre acers of land and went threw lawsute of long contiuanace which was a vast Expenc besids eight or ten thousand mils travel i carried in a pertitin by the advic of coln Atkinson i think abot five or six years ago and have a numer of times taken to come to see if my petiton was answd but all in vain and i think it squer jeffers neglect plese yor Honour squir jeffers if you will not See imedatly git that petition anserd i mean to sew you for damage either grant me the land or pay the Damag there is a part of the goar upon head of warner joining Easterly upon Newsalsbery Northely upon the Mountain kiasarge weterly peries town Southily on warner grant me that tract of land jentlemen Altho the bigger part of that tract is veriy mean i shall Recive it kindly at your hands if not let me know imeadatly

jonathan Palmer—

i mean if providance permit to be in Rye next week please to send me word by the bearer &:C

[*Another Letter from Jonathan Palmer, 1779.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 8, p. 80.]

Warner September 17<sup>th</sup> 1779—

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| in the county of<br>Hilsborgh in<br>the State of new<br>Hampshear | } | To the Honorable jentlemen of masons Propriatrs Greeting Some of your honours my Remember That about fife or six years ago i Carried in a Pertition to your Honours it was by the advice of Colnal Atkinson and for these Reasons a little before The canady war begun your honours were Pleased to Grant this town now called warner to the People of Rye and gave them a good charter of twelve years To fulfill in and in case of an indon war the Same Length of tim after the Peace was mad as they had from the orignal Granting and in case any Perticular Person or Persons should be sewd by the masechusets or Alliens Right they would Defend them threw one Law sut upon their own cost there was i was a propriater with them and had three Rights in the Town which contained about Seven |
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hundred and fifty Acers the peace was made by col warners depisition in the year 1763 and by the aplication of amsbery People to your honours, ware Plesd to sell this town to Them in the year 1767 not considring the time you gave to Rye and gave them a charter by which Reason i lost sven Hundred acers of land and was sewd by them upon a hundred acer lot that had binn improed three seasons before They bought a house frame bult upon it and was oligd to carry on a law sute upon my own cost notwithstanding your prommis in the charter after the law sute was over i went to Col atkison and sevrall of the Propriaters by the advise of the colnel to give me some Land as covenant as might be likewise i did and they All gav me incouragment that they would to make up the damag in not helping in the law sute i carred in a Pertition to Squier jeffers fiv or six years ago and has alway neglected it althogh i have bin six or sven times down out of the country to see if your Honours had done any thing for me to the damag of more than two hundred dollars jentlemen i come this once more to see if your will do any thing for me i have Eight Sons that want land ther is a little Part of the Goar upon the southerly part of kiasarge upon warner and partly upon newsalsbery about two mile and a half above whare i live i would be glad yould gran me some ther an ad you would olig yor humble sarvent

jonathan Palmer

Jentle men you Have Sold Seven hundred Acers of My land to Amsbery and caused me a long law Sute threw the law which caused me eight or Ten thousand mils travel be sides six or seven jurnes Down out of the country seventy or Eighty Miles which is more than fifty thosand Pounds lawf money Damag now jentle men grant me some land or Pay me the Damag for this the last journey that i intend to make upon that acount Honored Sirs

i Remain your humble servent

Jonathan Palmer—

75 mils

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450

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[*Letter from Samuel Atkinson, 1780.*]

[*Masonian Papers, Vol. 8, p. 81.*]

Boscawen June 6<sup>th</sup> 1780

To George Geffry Esq<sup>r</sup> S<sup>r</sup>

I Receivd your orders to Notifie the Select men of Waner to Preamelate the Line between them and the Gore which they Refused

saying they had no Rite till they had a propriators meeting having had a meeting have appointed the 23<sup>d</sup> of this Instant to pramalate S<sup>d</sup> Line—

I haveing ben Sick and being Now sick With the feaver Could not attend your meeting

S<sup>r</sup> be so kind as to Acquaint D<sup>r</sup> Rogers that M<sup>r</sup> Roe cannot Make out to pay for a lot of Land according to his perposels

This from your most obedient Humble Sarvent

Sam<sup>ll</sup> Atkinson

To George Geffry Esq<sup>r</sup> Propriators Clark

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[*Petition of Samuel Atkinson, 1781.*]

[*Masonian Papers, Vol. 8, p. 82.*]

To the Henorable Masonian Proprietors the Petition of Sam<sup>l</sup> Atkinson humbly Shueth that wareas your Petitiener having Done Sundry Servises in your Lawsute Respecting allexandria and Sence paying Taxes on your Lands in Newchester and in Geting the kiasarge Gore Servayd and Lotted out theirfore your Petitiener humbly Pray your honors to make him a Grant of the one half of Said Gore for his Servises or Such a part as your honers See fit on the following Conditions namely—he to Put on fifteen Settlers with what is on and to make Good Roads through Said Gore and Paying the Tax of the Reserved Part for three Years from this Time and your Petitioner as in Duty Bound Shall Ever Pray—

Portsmouth May 30 1781

Sam<sup>l</sup> Atkinson

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[*Plan of Kearsarge Gore.*]

This Plan is laid Down by a Scale of two Hundred rods to an Inch the Lots Contain 105 acres Each and a reserve made for Highways through Each Lot if wanted the Best Lots are marked with the Letter, G: the middling with the Letter M: the Poorest with the Letter P:—

By Henry Gerrish Surveyer—

The Westerly Pricit Line on the Head of Salisbury is the Line on which they have Laid their Lots

The Eastwardly Pricit Line is the Line agreeable to their Charter





The middle Black Line runs from one of their old Bounds to the other

All the Lotts that contain more or Less than 105 acres have the Number of acres Set on each Lot

The Number of acres Set on the Lots at the Head of Salisbury is What they Contain within the Priet Line

[*Reserved Lots in the Gore, 1781.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 8, pp. 83, 89, 90, and Proprietors' Records, Vol. 4, p. 72.]

Kyahsarge Gore

Richard Wibird——lots N<sup>o</sup> 68-26, 46-20, 28

John Moffatt——lots N<sup>o</sup> 50-13, 33-40, 48

George Jaffrey——lots N<sup>o</sup> 5-45, 81-29, 60

Mark H<sup>s</sup> Wentworth lots N<sup>o</sup> 2-9-11-27, 57

Jotham Odiorne Lots N<sup>o</sup> 49-3, 52-21, 37

Thomas Packer lots N<sup>o</sup> 4-43, 74-41, 56

Thomlinson & Mason lots N<sup>o</sup> 1-65-72-58, 59

Solly & March——lots N<sup>o</sup> 17-47, 66-63, 75

Joshua Peirce——lots N<sup>o</sup> 51-21-34-54, 67

Peirce & Moore——Lots N<sup>o</sup> 6-85 for 2 lots-61, 25

John Wentworth——Lots N<sup>o</sup> 79-7, 14-36-82

Theodore Atkinson lots N<sup>o</sup> 16-77-80-71, 64

Thomas Wallingford lots N<sup>o</sup> 18-15, 44-19, 35

John Rindge——lots N<sup>o</sup> 83-53, 69-55, 70

Meserve & Company Lots N<sup>o</sup> 73-30, 42,-62, 76

Solly & March southerly part of Lot N<sup>o</sup> 84 111 Acres

John Wentworth Northerly corner of Lot N<sup>o</sup> 84-27 Acres }

John Wentworth Lot N<sup>o</sup> 78-86 Acres }

drawn in the division of Lands in Alexandria. Alexandria Addition and in the Gore next Winnepissioke &c to make 15 Equal shares—

Mark H<sup>s</sup> Wentworth Lot N<sup>o</sup> 8 }

John Wentworth——Lot N<sup>o</sup> 10 }

Thomas Wallingford Lot N<sup>o</sup> 12 }

drawn in the division of Lands in New Chester in order to make 15 equal Shares



[*Road Laid Out, 1792.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 8, p. 84.]

Laid out a Road to Strike said Line a Little West of Mr Joseph Quinbys Dwelling House in Salisbury thence on Salisbury Line forty Six Rods to a Great Rock, thence South fifty five degrees, West, Eighty Six Rods to Jeremiah Palmers House, thence About West Two hundred and forty Rods to a Spruce Tree marked, thence South forty Five Degrees, West Eighty Rods to a Tree marked thence West Sixty Six Rods to Sutton East Line through the Gore Called Kiasarge Gore as Set forth in a Petition to said Sessions Signed by Joel Eastman and Others the Whol Distance from Salisbury West Line to Sutton East Line being About one mile and a half Said Road is Laid four Rods Wide

the Above by Order of the Court of General Sessions in the County of Hillsborough Holden at Amherst in March 1792

May 22<sup>d</sup> 1792

By { Jeremiah Page  
Ebenezer Webster } Committee  
James Flanders }

[*Request of Jonathan Palmer.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 8, p. 91.]

After about one Thousand Eight Hundred mils Travel up and Down to your Honours by the inCouragement of Colnel Atkison and always Bin disapointed of a hearing by Square Jeffers i Humbely once more make my Redress to your Honours there being about one hundred acors of land to be sold in Plan of new Salsbery i this once aply my self to your Honours to see What your honors will Give me towards bying of it it lieth at the uper end of the town adjoying upon the west Foot of litle Kiasrge and neare The town of warner in the county of hillsburogh in the State of New hampshare i Remain your humble sarvent

Jonathan Palmer

[*Estimation of Lots, etc.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 8, p. 84.]

## A Proportional Estimation of the Lots

1<sup>st</sup> rangeN<sup>o</sup> 1—70N<sup>o</sup> 2—90 soldN<sup>o</sup> 3—15N<sup>o</sup> 4—10N<sup>o</sup> 5—50N<sup>o</sup> 6—70N<sup>o</sup> 7—90 soldN<sup>o</sup> 8—70 soldN<sup>o</sup> 9—152<sup>d</sup> rangeN<sup>o</sup> 1—90N<sup>o</sup> 2—100N<sup>o</sup> 3—100 soldN<sup>o</sup> 4—100 soldN<sup>o</sup> 5—70 soldN<sup>o</sup> 6—40N<sup>o</sup> 7—100N<sup>o</sup> 8—100 soldN<sup>o</sup> 9—70 soldN<sup>o</sup> 10—203<sup>d</sup> rangeN<sup>o</sup> 1—30N<sup>o</sup> 2—50N<sup>o</sup> 3—50N<sup>o</sup> 4—10N<sup>o</sup> 5—10N<sup>o</sup> 6—10N<sup>o</sup> 7—20N<sup>o</sup> 8—704<sup>th</sup> rangeN<sup>o</sup> 1—40N<sup>o</sup> 2—90N<sup>o</sup> 3—60N<sup>o</sup> 4—70N<sup>o</sup> 5—705<sup>th</sup> rangeN<sup>o</sup> 1—80N<sup>o</sup> 2—50N<sup>o</sup> 3—406<sup>th</sup> rangeN<sup>o</sup> 1—30Lots Chose by Col<sup>o</sup> Goffes Settlersfirst Range N<sup>o</sup> 1—2, 6, 7Second Range N<sup>o</sup> 1, 2, 4, 7, 8

Third Range none—

Fourth Range N<sup>o</sup> 2Gordon Settled on Lot N<sup>o</sup> 3 2<sup>d</sup> RangeGrimes Improved on lot N<sup>o</sup> 9, 2<sup>d</sup> Range & on part of N<sup>o</sup> 8 or 7 in  
3<sup>d</sup> Range



[*Petition of Inhabitants*, 1801.]

[*Masonian Papers*, Vol. 8, p. 85.]

State of Newhampshier

To the Honourable Propriators of Land in Keasearge Goar Humbely Shew that We your Petitnor and others inhabitation of Keasearge Goar; and in the County of hillsborough ss Labour under many heard Shipt and Dissvntages in Setling on the Land that We your Petitnors bought From Sum of you Jentlemen—therefore your honour may Remember that the Land is Very heard brocken Stoney Land at the beest there Four; now to have the beest of it taken Way by Salsbury Line taking a brand New establishment: With New bounds on thier West Lines.—Which must take as much as one third Parte off from them Lots that We your Petitnors bought; From your honour; and Did give a Jenress Price For them Lots on that Line; and there Four as your Petitnors have Purchessed the Land as much as one third Parte of the Way on that Line We think: your honours Will not establish a brand New Line With out our Concent or make Sume Reserve For those Lots of Land that We hold by Deeds From your honours.—

Moreover We Wold in Form your honours that thier is three Lots of land more on the Same Line Which is oned by m<sup>r</sup> Woodbery Langdon and Squies Jeffors—to it Nomber 78 and No 81 and No 82 the New Line Will take near one half of these three Lots a bove mentchned.—and besides those Lots: thier Will be as much as three thousand acors of Common Land taken From you by that New Line: if it is a Established by you.—or the Propriators book of Records must Fail: For We Find on the Propriators books of Records Establishment of Lines by a Commity Chosen by borth Propriators; to it in the name of Stevns town—and Newbritan in the yers 1762 therfour We your Petitnors Due not think that your honours Wold Due Such a thing as to Establish a New Line Contry to the old bounds; and Contry to the Propriarts Records; and Contry to the Deeds that Sum of you have given; and Contry to your one intress Moreover We Wold in Form your honours that their is a Lawsute that Was Comminsth Last merch a gainst the Widdow: Wells by one of the inhabitation of Salsbury: in regard of the Lot No 77 Wherefour We beig your Delay of Establishing the New Line at Present untill thier Can be a Fare triel—as in Dude bound Will Ever Pray—

Dated at kesarge Goar october 1—1801

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|---------------|----------------------------------|
| Jason Watkins | } Select men<br>For Said<br>goar |
| Joseph French |                                  |
| Benjamin Cass |                                  |

to the Propirator Clark

## WASHINGTON.

[This town was *Number 8* in the line of towns from Merrimack to Connecticut River, granted by Massachusetts, Jan. 16, 1735-6. Granted by the Masonian Proprietors, Dec. 11, 1752, to Capt. Peter Prescott and others. Regranted March 17, 1768, to Reuben Kidder and others. The charter was renewed Feb. 5, 1772. The town was variously known as *Monadnock No. 8*, *New Concord*, and *Camden*, until it was incorporated as Washington, Dec. 13, 1776, and named in honor of George Washington. A portion was combined with New Bradford and Washington Gore to make up the town of Bradford, Sept. 27, 1787. The line between Washington and Lempster was established Nov. 27, 1812.

See Massachusetts and New Hampshire charters in preceding volumes; XIII, Hammond Town Papers, 626; Index to Laws, 569; The Late Centenarian of, with a Brief History of the Town, by George Bancroft Griffith, 3, Granite Monthly, p. 536; Baptist Churches in N. H., by E. E. Cummings, 1836, p. 13; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, p. 474; History, 1768-1886, compiled by a committee chosen by the town, 1886, pp. 696; sketch, by George M. Gage, Hurd's History of Sullivan County, 1886, p. 391.]

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[*Charter of Washington, 1752.*]

[Masonian Proprietors' Records, Vol. 6, p. 135, and Masonian Papers, Vol. 8, p. 92.]

Province of } Pursuant to the Power & Authority Granted and  
New Hampsh<sup>r</sup> } Vested in me the Subscriber by the Proprietors of  
Lands purchased of John Tufton Mason Esq<sup>r</sup> in the Province of New  
Hampshire, by their Vote passed at their Meeting, held at Ports-  
mouth, in said Province, the Sixth day of December—A D—1751—

I Do by these presents, on the terms & Conditions, with the Reser-  
vations hereinafter Expressed Give & Grant all the Right Property,  
& Possession of the Proprietors aforesaid, unto Cap<sup>t</sup> Peter Prescott,  
Stephen Hosmer, Jun<sup>r</sup>, John Wood, John Fox, Daniel Hoar, Timothy  
Hoar, Jacob Fox, Joseph Lee, Zephaniah Wood, Abijah Mason,  
Nathan Stratton, Seth Lee, Timothy Hodgman, Stephen Hosmer  
tertius, Abel Miles, Joseph Stratton, Joseph Wheeler, Joseph Wheeler  
Jun<sup>r</sup>, Archelaus Adams Jonathan Fisk, John Miles, Consider Soper,  
Charles Prescott, Abel Prescott, James Landman, Jonas Haywood,  
Abel Fox, David Fletcher, Nathaniel Piper, Nathaniel Hosmer Jun<sup>r</sup>  
William Hosmer, Peter Prescott Jun<sup>r</sup> James Minott Jun<sup>r</sup> all of Con-  
cord, John Fox, John Fox jun<sup>r</sup> Eleazer Lawrence Eleazer Lawrence  
tertius, all of Littleton, Jonathan Hosmer Nathaniel Wheeler, Jona-  
than Conant, William Cutting Joseph Wheeler all of Acton, William



Rice of Sudbury, Aaron Willard of Lancaster John Buss of Lunenburg, William Boutwell, of Leominster, Nathaniel Sawyer of Lancaster, John Bulkeley, & Peter Bulkeley of Boston, Robert Fletcher Jun<sup>r</sup> of Nottingham, all in the Province of the Massachusetts Bay, Josiah Brown, William Spaulding, Peter Powers, Stephen Powers, Samuel Cumings, Zachariah Stearns, John Stearns, Zachariah Stearns jun<sup>r</sup> Jonathan Combs, Jacob Fletcher, Jeremiah Colburn, all in the Province of New Hampshire, in Equal shares of in & to that Tract of Land, or Township Called Manadnock Number Eight, (or New Concord,) Lying in the Province of New Hampshire aforesaid, & within the Claim of Mason's Patent, Bounded as followeth, Beginning at a Stake, & heap of Stones, the Northwesterly Corner of Manadnock N<sup>o</sup> 7, (so Called,) Granted to Reuben Kidder & others, which Stake & Stones, is in the said Patent Line, Lately run by Joseph Blanchard Jun<sup>r</sup> Esq<sup>r</sup> from thence runs by said Number Seven, South Eighty Degrees East, Six miles, and an half to a Stake & heap of Stones, from thence North Twenty Eight Degrees, East Eight miles on Ungranted Lands to a Beach tree from thence North Eighty Degrees West, Six miles & an half to the Patent line aforesaid from thence Southerly by said Patent line to the first Bounds mentioned, to them their Heirs & Assigns, To have, and to hold, on the Terms & Conditions with the Reservations, hereinafter Expressed, viz<sup>t</sup> that the tract of Land aforesaid, be Divided in to One hundred & twenty Three Equal Shares, two Lots to a Share at the Least, at the Expence of the Grantees—& Drawn for in some Open Equitable Manner, at or before the last day of January A D 1754, a plan & Record thereof to be made, & by their prop<sup>rs</sup> Clerk on Oath, Certified with the Schedule, and Delivered into the said Grantors Clerk's Office, within thirty Day's next after such Draft—That three of the aforesaid Shares be & hereby are Granted, one to the first Settled Minister, one for the Ministry, and one for the School there for ever, free of all Charge—that Twenty more of the said Shares, be Reserved, to & for the Grantors their Heirs, and Assigns forever, free from all Incumbrance of Settlement, Tax, Charge, or Expences, whatsoever, untill Improved by the Owners, or some holding under them Respectively—That the Owners of the other shares viz<sup>t</sup>, all Exclusive of James Minott Jun<sup>r</sup> Josiah Brown, William Spaulding, Peter Powers, Stephen Powers, Samuel Cumings, Zachariah Stearns, Jn<sup>o</sup> Stearns, Zacheriah Stearns jun<sup>r</sup> Jonathan Combs, Jacob Fletcher, & Jeremiah Colborn jun<sup>r</sup> at their own Expence, make Settlement in the following manner Viz<sup>t</sup> that there be three Acres, Cleared, Inclosed, & fitted, for Mowing, or tillage, on some one Lot, of Each of the fifty Settling Shares aforesaid, at or Before the last day of June 1755 and two Acres more on each of the same Lots



Annually, for three Years then next Coming and at the Expiration of five Years from this Date, to have on each of the said Fifty Lots a Convenient Dwelling house, and a Family or some person Resident there for four Years then next Coming That all Necessary Hyway's be laid out in said Township thro' Grantors & Grantees Lands, as there shall be Ocation for the future, without any pay or Allowance for Damage thereby—That a Convenient Meeting house be Built in said Township, and Finished within Ten Years from this Date, & Twenty Acres Reserved for Publick Use at the place that shall be Appointed to sett said House on—That the aforesaid Grantees by a Major Vote in publick Meeting Called for that purpose, Grant & Assess in equal Proportion, such Sum or Sums of money, as they shall think Necessary from time to time for Carrying forward, and Compleating the Settlement aforesaid & Every of the Grantees, Exclusive of the three publick Lots who shall Neglect for the Space of thirty Day's, next after such Assessment is made & Granted, (to pay the same) so much of such Delinquents Rights Respectively, shall & may be sold, as will pay the tax, & all Charges Arising thereon by a Com'ittee to be Appointed by the Grantees for that purpose,—And in Case any of the Grantees shall Neglect or Refuse to perform any of the Articles aforesaid, by him Respectively to be done, he shall forfeit his share & Right, in said Township, & every part of thereof to those of the Grantees, who shall Comply with the Conditions on their part herein Expressed & it shall & may be Lawfull for them or any Person by their Authority, to enter into & upon the Right, Share or part of such Delinquent Owner, in the Name & Behalf of the whole of the Grantees, who shall Comply as aforesaid, to Amove, Oust & Expell for the use of them, their Heirs, & Assigns, Provided they Settle, or Cause to be Settled Each such Delinquents Right within the term of one Year at the furthest, from the period that is by this Instrument Stipulated to be done, as the Conditions of this Grant, & fully Discharge, & Comply, with the whole Duty such Delinquent ought to have Done, within one Year, from time to time, after the Respective Periods thereof, and in Case the Grantees, fullfilling their parts as aforesaid, shall Neglect fullfilling as aforesaid, the Duty of any Delinquent Owner, that then such Share or Shares, shall be forfeit, Revert & Belong to the Grantors, their Heirs & Assigns, and be Wholly at their Disposall, free from future Charge—Always Provided there shall be no Indian War, within any of the Terms limited as aforesaid, and in Case that should Happen the same time to be Allowed for Doing the Duty after such Impediment shall be Removed,—

Lastly that all White pine trees Growing on said Tract fit for



Masting his Majesty's Royal Navy, be & hereby are Granted to his Majesty, his heirs, & Successors for Ever,

To all which premises I Joseph Blanchard Agent for & in Behalf of the Proprietors the Grantors, have hereunto set my hand & Seal this Eleventh day of December A D. 1752, & in the twenty Sixth Year of his Majesty's Reign,—

Joseph Blanchard. { LS }

A true Copy Examin'd—

Rec<sup>d</sup> Sep<sup>r</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> 1753,

Ⓢ Peter Prescott, Prop<sup>r</sup> Cle<sup>r</sup>

Ⓢ G. J Prop<sup>rs</sup> Cle<sup>r</sup>

A true Copy of the Return of Record

attest: Geo: Jaffrey Prop<sup>rs</sup> Cl

[Plan of Washington, 1753.]



This plan Describes the tract of Land Called Manadnock Number Eight (or New Concord) Granted unto Cap<sup>t</sup> Peter Prescott & Others, Lying in y<sup>e</sup> Province of New Hamp<sup>r</sup>—part of Masons Patent Containing 33280 Acres the Bounds Course & Length of Line as Deline-

ated On the plan herewith Layed in a Scale of One mile to an Inch  
Dated April 1753—

§ Stephen Hosmer Jun<sup>r</sup> Surveyor

The Aforegoing plan & Return is a True Copy as on file Compared §

June 19<sup>th</sup> 1753—

Peter Prescott Prop<sup>rs</sup> Cle<sup>r</sup>

Grantees 27030 Acres Grantors 5250 acres

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[*Vote of Acceptance by Grantees, 1753.*]

[Masonian Proprietors' Records, Vol. 6, p. 145, and Masonian Papers, Vol. 8, p. 93.]

Whereas Joseph Blanchard Esq, as agent, for & in the name & Behalf of the Proprietors of the Lands, in the Province of New Hampshire, purchased by them of John Tufton Mason Esq<sup>r</sup> who sold to them, under the Title made to them, by a Common Recovery, did on the Eleventh day of December, A D, 1752, Grant the Contents of Eight miles Long, & Six miles & an half wide part of said Lands Bounded as follows viz<sup>t</sup> Beginning at a Stake, & Heap of Stones, the Norwesterly Corner of Monadnock Number Seven, (so Called,) Granted to Reuben Kidder, & others, which Stake & Stones is in the Patent Line, lately run by Joseph Blanchard jun<sup>r</sup> Esq<sup>r</sup> from thence runs by said N<sup>o</sup> Seven South Eighty Degrees, East Six miles & an half to a Stake & Heap of Stones, from thence North Twenty Eight Deg<sup>s</sup> East Eight miles on Ungranted Lands, to a Beach tree from thence North Eighty Degrees West, Six miles & an Half, to the patent Line aforesaid, from thence Southerly by said patent Line to y<sup>e</sup> first Bounds mentioned—under Certain Conditions Limitations & Reservations, in said Grant mentioned as by said Grant, Reference thereto will fully appear, unto Cap<sup>t</sup> Peter Prescott Stephen Hosmer, Jun<sup>r</sup> John Wood, John Fox, Daniel Hoar, Timothy Hoar Jacob Fox, Joseph Lee, Zepheniah Wood, Abijah Mason Nathan Stratton, Seth Lee, Timothy Hodgeman, Stephen Hosmer Tertius, Abel Miles, Joseph Stratton, Joseph Wheeler, Joseph Wheeler Jun<sup>r</sup> Archalaus Adams, Jonathan Fisk, John Miles Consider Soaper Charles Prescott, Abel Prescott, James Lanman Jonas Haywood, Abel Fox, David Fletcher Nathaniel Piper, Nath<sup>l</sup> Hosmer Jun<sup>r</sup> William Hosmer, Peter Prescott Jun<sup>r</sup> James Minott jun<sup>r</sup> all of Concord, John Fox, John Fox Jun<sup>r</sup> Eleazer Lawrence jun<sup>r</sup> Eleazer Lawrence Tertius, all of Littleton, Jonathan Hosmer, Nathaniel Wheeler, Jonathan Conant, William



Cutting Joseph Wheeler all of Acton, William Rice of Sudbury Aaron Willard, of Lancaster, John Buss, of Lunenburg William Boutwell of Leominster Nathan<sup>1</sup> Sawyer of Lancaster, John Bulkeley, Peter Bulkeley of Boston, Robert Fletcher jun<sup>r</sup> of Nottingham all in the Province of the Massachusetts Bay, Josiah Brown William Spaulding, Peter Powers, Stephen Powers Samuel Cumings, Zachariah Stearns, John Stearns Zachariah Stearns jun<sup>r</sup> Jonathan Combs, Jacob Fletcher Jeremiah Colborn, all in the Province of New Hampshire, Therefore Unanimously Voted that we do hereby Accept said Title, and for our Selves our Heirs, & Assigns, do Acknowledge that we do hold said Lands, under said Title, Conditions, & Limitations, with the Reservations therein Mentioned.

Extract from the Votes of the Prop<sup>rs</sup> of the Township called Manadnock N<sup>o</sup> 8, al<sup>s</sup> New Concord, at their Meeting January 27<sup>th</sup> 1753—

Copy Examined

Ⓟ Peter Prescott Prop<sup>rs</sup> Cle<sup>r</sup>

Receiv'd Sep<sup>r</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> 1753,

Ⓟ G. J. Pro: Cle<sup>r</sup>

a true Copy of the Vote returned of Record

attest: Geo: Jaffrey Prop<sup>rs</sup> Cl

[*Draft of Lots.*]

[Masonian Proprietors' Records, Vol. 6, p. 140, Papers, Vol. 8, p. 94.]

Schedule of Grantees Right in Manadnock N<sup>o</sup> 8 or New Concord—

| Page (1)                         | Draught | N <sup>o</sup> | Range | N <sup>o</sup> | Range | N <sup>o</sup> | Range | N <sup>o</sup> | Range |
|----------------------------------|---------|----------------|-------|----------------|-------|----------------|-------|----------------|-------|
| James Minott Junior . . . . .    | 1       | 12             | 9     | 16             | 4     | 1              | 1     | 14             | 1     |
| John Buss . . . . .              | 2       | 12             | 8     | 17             | 4     | 2              | 1     | 1              | 13    |
| William Cutting . . . . .        | 3       | 12             | 7     | 3              | 1     | 1              | 4     | 7              | 7     |
| Nathaniel Sawyer . . . . .       | 4       | 14             | 8     | 2              | 4     | 27             | 2     | 27             | 1     |
| Jonathan Combs . . . . .         | 5       | 15             | 8     | 27             | 13    | 3              | 4     | 10             | 1     |
| John Fox Junior . . . . .        | 6       | 16             | 8     | 26             | 1     | 26             | 13    | 8              | 5     |
| John Miles . . . . .             | 7       | 15             | 7     | 2              | 13    | 11             | 1     | 27             | 12    |
| Robert Fletcher Junior . . . . . | 8       | 15             | 6     | 22             | 13    | 23             | 13    | 5              | 5     |
| Grantors . . . . .               | 9       | 16             | 7     | 12             | 1     | 7              | 3     | 25             | 13    |
| David Fletcher . . . . .         | 10      | 14             | 6     | 16             | 12    | 6              | 3     | 1              | 12    |
| Ministeriall Lott . . . . .      | 11      | 13             | 6     | 24             | 13    | 7              | 4     | 27             | 3     |
| Jonathan Conant . . . . .        | 12      | 17             | 7     | 12             | 3     | 1              | 2     | 21             | 13    |
| first Minister's lott . . . . .  | 13      | 13             | 7     | 2              | 12    | 2              | 5     | 25             | 1     |

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|--|---------|----------------|-------|----------------|-------|----------------|-------|----------------|-------|
| Aaron Willard . . . .                      | 14      | 17             | 8     | 26             | 12    | 2              | 2     | 9              | 3     |
| Steven Powers . . . .                      | 15      | 14             | 5     | 1              | 11    | 5              | 4     | 25             | 12    |
| Jonathan Fisk . . . .                      | 16      | 13             | 8     | 3              | 2     | 4              | 4     | 24             | 12    |
| Grantors, . . . .                          | 17      | 16             | 6     | 1              | 3     | 20             | 13    | 22             | 11    |
| John Wood . . . . .                        | 18      | 12             | 6     | 23             | 9     | 1              | 8     | 26             | 2     |
| Grantors . . . . .                         | 19      | 12             | 5     | 23             | 12    | 23             | 11    | 2              | 11    |
| Grantors . . . . .                         | 20      | 13             | 5     | 25             | 11    | 2              | 3     | 26             | 3     |
| School Lott . . . . .                      | 21      | 17             | 6     | 19             | 13    | 3              | 13    | 3              | 3     |
| Eleazer Lawrence Junior . . . .            | 22      | 13             | 9     | 6              | 9     | 4              | 2     | 4              | 3     |
| Jacob Fletcher . . . . .                   | 23      | 14             | 9     | 27             | 8     | 27             | 5     | 3              | 12    |
| James Landman . . . . .                    | 24      | 15             | 9     | 27             | 11    | 26             | 9     | 4              | 12    |
| Jonas Haywood . . . . .                    | 25      | 16             | 9     | 24             | 9     | 22             | 2     | 1              | 10    |
| Timothy Hodgman . . . . .                  | 26      | 17             | 9     | 15             | 3     | 26             | 11    | 4              | 1     |
| John Fox . . . . .                         | 27      | 18             | 7     | 24             | 11    | 24             | 2     | 3              | 11    |
| William Spalding . . . . .                 | 28      | 18             | 8     | 22             | 12    | 26             | 10    | 23             | 1     |
| Grantors . . . . .                         | 29      | 18             | 9     | 20             | 12    | 23             | 3     | 1              | 9     |
| Peter Bulkeley . . . . .                   | 30      | 15             | 5     | 14             | 12    | 15             | 12    | 5              | 3     |
| Zachariah Stearns Jun <sup>r</sup> . . . . | 31      | 16             | 5     | 19             | 12    | 18             | 12    | 2              | 10    |
| Grantors . . . . .                         | 32      | 11             | 5     | 21             | 12    | 21             | 11    | 3              | 10    |
| Grantors . . . . .                         | 33      | 11             | 6     | 18             | 13    | 17             | 13    | 20             | 3     |
| Abel Miles . . . . .                       | 34      | 11             | 7     | 8              | 11    | 7              | 11    | 16             | 13    |
| Grantors . . . . .                         | 35      | 11             | 8     | 25             | 2     | 25             | 3     | 22             | 10    |
| Abel Prescott . . . . .                    | 36      | 11             | 9     | 27             | 4     | 26             | 4     | 4              | 13    |
| Grantors . . . . .                         | 37      | 11             | 10    | 5              | 1     | 4              | 10    | 6              | 1     |
| Abel Fox . . . . .                         | 38      | 12             | 10    | 27             | 6     | 26             | 6     | 7              | 13    |
| Grantors . . . . .                         | 39      | 13             | 10    | 24             | 10    | 25             | 10    | 8              | 3     |
| Timothy Hoar . . . . .                     | 40      | 14             | 10    | 24             | 4     | 25             | 4     | 27             | 7     |
| Archelaus Adams . . . . .                  | 41      | 15             | 10    | 15             | 13    | 14             | 13    | 8              | 10    |
| John Bulkeley . . . . .                    | 42      | 16             | 10    | 26             | 8     | 8              | 7     | 12             | 13    |
| Stephen Hosmere Junior . . . .             | 43      | 17             | 10    | 17             | 1     | 18             | 4     | 9              | 4     |
| William Hosmere . . . . .                  | 44      | 18             | 10    | 24             | 3     | 23             | 5     | 1              | 5     |
| Seth Lee . . . . .                         | 45      | 19             | 10    | 8              | 6     | 11             | 12    | 26             | 7     |
| Jacob Fox . . . . .                        | 46      | 19             | 9     | 26             | 5     | 5              | 2     | 9              | 13    |
| Joseph Wheeler . . . . .                   | 47      | 19             | 8     | 23             | 6     | 25             | 7     | 6              | 4     |
| Peter Prescott Junior . . . . .            | 48      | 19             | 7     | 24             | 5     | 25             | 5     | 1              | 7     |
| Steven Hosmere Tertius . . . .             | 49      | 19             | 6     | 23             | 4     | 22             | 3     | 23             | 2     |
| Charles Prescott . . . . .                 | 50      | 11             | 4     | 13             | 12    | 12             | 12    | 5              | 13    |
| Jeremiah Colborn . . . . .                 | 51      | 12             | 4     | 22             | 4     | 25             | 8     | 25             | 9     |
| Grantors, . . . . .                        | 52      | 13             | 4     | 20             | 4     | 21             | 1     | 22             | 1     |
| Joseph Lee . . . . .                       | 53      | 14             | 4     | 24             | 7     | 17             | 12    | 6              | 12    |
| Joseph Wheeler, Acton . . . .              | 54      | 17             | 5     | 21             | 3     | 21             | 2     | 1              | 6     |
| Grantors, . . . . .                        | 55      | 18             | 5     | 21             | 4     | 2              | 6     | 2              | 7     |
| Jonathan Horsemere . . . . .               | 56      | 18             | 6     | 23             | 8     | 24             | 8     | 3              | 6     |
| Habijah Mason . . . . .                    | 57      | 15             | 4     | 11             | 13    | 2              | 9     | 3              | 9     |



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|--|---------|----------------|-------|----------------|-------|----------------|-------|----------------|-------|
| Nath <sup>l</sup> Hosmere, Junior . . . .            | 58      | 10             | 6     | 22             | 5     | 23             | 7     | 27             | 10    |
| Josiah Brown . . . . .                               | 59      | 10             | 7     | 2              | 8     | 5              | 9     | 27             | 9     |
| William Rice . . . . .                               | 60      | 10             | 8     | 3              | 8     | 3              | 7     | 3              | 5     |
| William Boutwell . . . . .                           | 61      | 10             | 9     | 22             | 7     | 22             | 6     | 4              | 5     |
| Consider Soaper . . . . .                            | 62      | 10             | 10    | 20             | 1     | 20             | 2     | 4              | 6     |
| Daniel Hoar . . . . .                                | 63      | 10             | 11    | 4              | 8     | 19             | 1     | 22             | 8     |
| John Stearns . . . . .                               | 64      | 11             | 11    | 9              | 5     | 4              | 7     | 25             | 6     |
| Samuel Cumings . . . . .                             | 65      | 12             | 11    | 21             | 6     | 21             | 10    | 13             | 13    |
| Nathaniel Piper . . . . .                            | 66      | 13             | 11    | 5              | 7     | 16             | 1     | 15             | 1     |
| Joseph Stratton . . . . .                            | 67      | 14             | 11    | 21             | 5     | 19             | 2     | 7              | 2     |
| Zepheniah Wood . . . . .                             | 68      | 15             | 11    | 7              | 1     | 8              | 1     | 9              | 1     |
| Nathaniel Wheeler . . . . .                          | 69      | 16             | 11    | 8              | 2     | 5              | 6     | 6              | 5     |
| Joseph Wheeler Junior . . . .                        | 70      | 17             | 11    | 24             | 6     | 19             | 3     | 10             | 13    |
| Peter Prescott . . . . .                             | 71      | 18             | 11    | 18             | 2     | 16             | 3     | 8              | 13    |
| Grantors . . . . .                                   | 72      | 19             | 11    | 17             | 2     | 16             | 2     | 6              | 13    |
| Peter Powers . . . . .                               | 73      | 20             | 11    | 19             | 4     | 5              | 8     | 7              | 12    |
| John Fox . . . . .                                   | 74      | 20             | 10    | 18             | 3     | 9              | 2     | 10             | 2     |
| Eleaz <sup>r</sup> Lawrence Jun <sup>r</sup> . . . . | 75      | 20             | 9     | 10             | 12    | 9              | 12    | 6              | 2     |
| Zachariah Stearns . . . . .                          | 76      | 20             | 8     | 14             | 2     | 15             | 2     | 5              | 10    |
| Nathan Stratton . . . . .                            | 77      | 20             | 7     | 14             | 3     | 13             | 3     | 6              | 11    |
| Grantors . . . . .                                   | 78      | 20             | 6     | 17             | 3     | 10             | 3     | 11             | 3     |

The foregoing in y<sup>e</sup> original two pages is a List of Seventy eight Shares four Lots to each Share, added in each Line, part of each Respective Right—

|  | Draught | N <sup>o</sup> | Range |
|--|---------|----------------|-------|
| Seth Lee, Timothy Hodgeman . . . . .                                 | 1       | 13             | 1     |
| John Stearns, & Zachariah Stearns j <sup>r</sup> . . . . .           | 2       | 18             | 1     |
| Grantors . . . . .   | 3       | 24             | 1     |
| John Bulkeley & Peter Bulkeley . . . . .                             | 4       | 11             | 2     |
| lots not Drawn . . . . .   | 5       | 12             | 2     |
| Eleazer Lawrence Jun <sup>r</sup> & Eleazer Lawrence Tertius . . . . | 6       | 13             | 2     |
| John Miles, & Nathaniel Hosmere Jun <sup>r</sup> . . . . .           | 7       | 8              | 4     |
| Lot not Drawn . . . . .  | 8       | 10             | 4     |
| Joseph Stratton, & Joseph Wheeler . . . . .                          | 9       | 7              | 5     |
| Josiah Brown & William Spaulding . . . . .                           | 10      | 10             | 5     |
| William Hosmere, & Jonathan Hosmere . . . . .                        | 11      | 19             | 5     |

|  | Draught | N <sup>o</sup> | Range |
|--|---------|----------------|-------|
| Habijah Mason & Aaron Willard . . . . .  | 12      | 20             | 5     |
| Jonathan Fisk & Consider Soaper . . . . .  | 13      | 6              | 6     |
| Samuel Cumings & Zachariah Stearns . . . . .   | 14      | 7              | 6     |
| William Rice . . . . .   | 15      | 9              | 6     |
| James Lanman, Jonas Haywood . . . . .  | 16      | 6              | 7     |
| Stephen Hosmer Jun <sup>r</sup> & Step <sup>n</sup> Hosmer Tert <sup>s</sup> . . . . . | 17      | 9              | 7     |
| Charles, & Abel Prescott . . . . .   | 18      | 21             | 7     |
| Jonathan Combs & Jacob Fletcher . . . . .  | 19      | 6              | 8     |
| David Fletcher, Nathaniel Piper . . . . .  | 20      | 7              | 8     |
| Zepheniah Wood & Nathan Stratton . . . . .   | 21      | 8              | 8     |
| Timothy Hoar & Abel Fox . . . . .  | 22      | 9              | 8     |
| John Fox & Daniel Hoar . . . . .   | 23      | 21             | 8     |
| Grantors . . . . .   | 24      | 4              | 9     |
| Nathaniel Sawyer, & John Fox of Littleton . . . . .                                    | 25      | 7              | 9     |
| Jeremiah Colborn & Rob <sup>t</sup> Fletcher . . . . .                                 | 26      | 8              | 9     |
| Peter Prescott Jun <sup>r</sup> & James Minott . . . . .                               | 27      | 9              | 9     |
| John Buss, & William Boutwell . . . . .  | 28      | 21             | 9     |
| Jacob Fox, & John Fox Jun <sup>r</sup> . . . . .                                       | 29      | 22             | 9     |
| Nathaniel Wheeler, & Jon <sup>a</sup> Conant . . . . .                                 | 30      | 6              | 10    |
| Joseph Wheeler Jun <sup>r</sup> & Arch <sup>s</sup> Adams . . . . .                    | 31      | 7              | 10    |
| William Cutting & Joseph Wheeler of Acton . . . . .                                    | 32      | 9              | 10    |
| Grantors . . . . .   | 33      | 23             | 10    |
| Peter Powers, & Stephen Powers . . . . .   | 34      | 4              | 11    |
| John Wood & Joseph Lee . . . . .   | 35      | 9              | 11    |
| lots not Drawn . . . . .   | 36      | 5              | 12    |
| Peter Prescott, & Abel Miles . . . . .   | 37      | 8              | 12    |
| Lots not Drawn . . . . .   | 38      | 5              | 11    |
| Lots not Drawn . . . . .   | 39      | 14             | 7     |

The foregoing thirty nine lots is the Remainder to Compleat the full Division of the Township, Which to the Grantees Entered as above, is to Compleat the full Division of each Grantee, 31 lots part thereof, to Sixty one of the Grantees as entered fifty acres to each, for Quantity, & Quality as Tenants in Com'on, and as they are Severally Joyned in each Lott, the lott of William Rice, one half being to the Grantees—

This Certifies that the three foregoing pages Contain the whole schedule or Account of the Division of Manadnock N<sup>o</sup> 8, or New Concord, (so Called,) in the Province of New Hampshire, with the Several Lots as Coupled to each Share, & Drawn at a Proprietors Meeting held at Concord, the first day of January 1754, which lots are



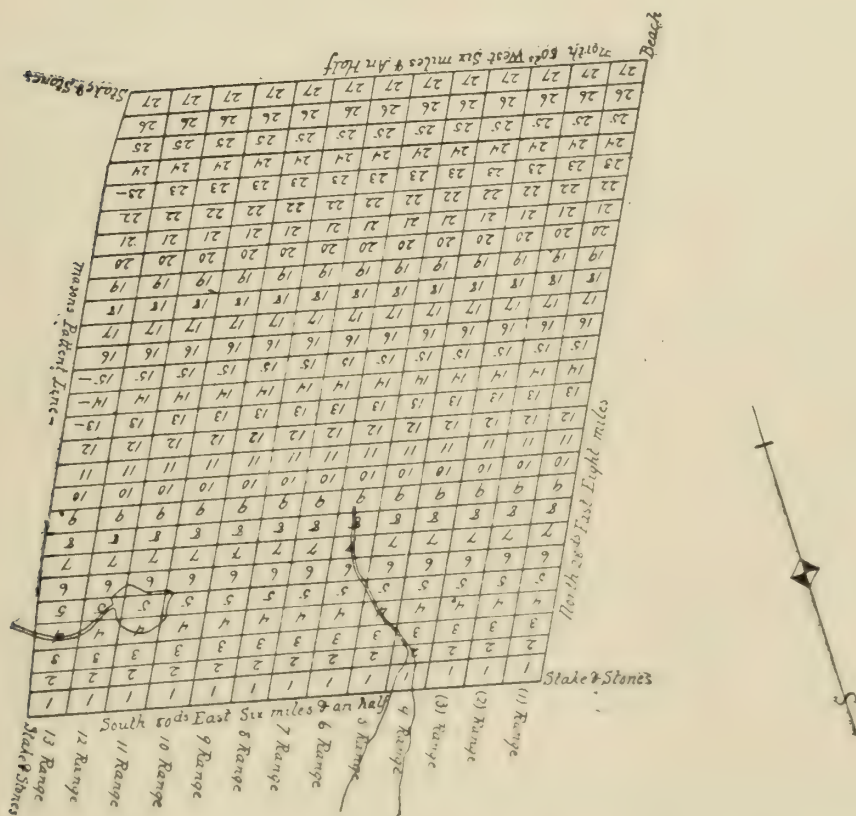
Entered in the Severall Columns, against each name, those Shares & lots that Grantors are wrote against, in the Whole of said Schedule, is that Whole Sixth part Reserved in the Grant of said Township by the Grantors for their use, the five Lots, not Drawn, & half Lot with William Rice, is Reserved for the Grantors use, & to be at their Disposall, January 28<sup>th</sup> 1754—

Peter Prescott Prop<sup>rs</sup> Clerk

A true Copy of the Return as of Record

attest, Geo : Jaffrey Prop<sup>rs</sup> Cl

[Plan of Lots.]



The Above plan Describes the Township Called Manadnock N° 8 or New Concord which Ly's in the Province of New Hamp<sup>r</sup> within Mason's Grant As the Same is Lotted out And Divided, & Numbered on the Severall Lotts in the plan which lotts Contain One Hundred Acres Each And Are One Hundred & Sixty rods in length And One Hundred rods in Breadth All exclusive of the Westernmost Range, the length of Which are as lay'd Down in the plan December, 1753.— Lay'd Down in a Scale of One mile in An Inch,

Steven Hosmer Junr Surveyor

The afore Written is a true Copy of the Plan And Return Taken  
the first day of January 1754— & Exam<sup>d</sup>  
P Peter Prescott Prop<sup>rs</sup> Clerk—

[*Proprietors' Lots in Washington, 1756.*]

[Masonian Proprietors' Records, Vol. 6. p. 144, and Masonian Papers,  
Vol. 8, p. 95.]

| Proprietors Names                                    | Draught | N <sup>o</sup> | Range | N <sup>o</sup> | Range | N <sup>o</sup> | Range | N <sup>o</sup> | Range |
|--|---------|----------------|-------|----------------|-------|----------------|-------|----------------|-------|
| Mark Hs Wentworth Esqr .                             | 1       | 13             | 4     | 20             | 4     | 21             | 1     | 23             | 10    |
| John Wentworth Esqr .                                | 2       | 18             | 5     | 2              | 6     | 2              | 7     |                |       |
| Jotham Odiorne Esq's Right .                         | 3       | 19             | 11    | 17             | 2     | 6              | 13    | 25             | 11    |
| John Rindge .  | 4       | 20             | 6     | 17             | 3     | 11             | 3     |                |       |
| Nath <sup>l</sup> Meserve Esqr & Co .                | 5       | 16             | 7     | 7              | 3     | 25             | 13    | 24             | 10    |
| George Jaffrey .                                     | 6       | 16             | 6     | 1              | 3     | 22             | 11    |                |       |
| Thomas Wallingford Esq .                             | 7       | 12             | 5     | 23             | 11    | 2              | 11    | 5              | 1     |
| Sam <sup>l</sup> Solly Esq & Clem <sup>t</sup> March | 8       | 13             | 5     | 2              | 3     | 26             | 3     |                |       |
| John Moffatt Esqr .                                  | 9       | 18             | 9     | 23             | 3     | 1              | 9     | 25             | 2     |
| Joseph Blanchard Esqr .                              | 10      | 11             | 5     | 21             | 11    | 3              | 10    |                |       |
| Richard Wibird Esqr .                                | 11      | 11             | 6     | 17             | 13    | 20             | 3     | 24             | 1     |
| Theodore Atkinson Esqr .                             | 12      | 11             | 8     | 25             | 3     | 22             | 10    |                |       |
| Thomlinson & Mason .                                 | 13      | 11             | 10    | 4              | 10    | 6              | 1     | 18             | 13    |
| Thomas Packer Esqr .                                 | 14      | 13             | 10    | 25             | 10    | 8              | 3     |                |       |
| Daniel Peirce Esqr & M: Moor                         | 15      | 22             | 1     | 21             | 4     | 16             | 2     | 23             | 12    |
| Joshua Peirce Esqr's Right .                         | 16      | 10             | 3     | 12             | 1     | 20             | 13    |                |       |
|  | 17      | 20             | 12    | 21             | 12    | 4              | 9     |                |       |

This schedule to be annex'd to the Grantees Schedule of New Con-  
cord, or Monadnock N<sup>o</sup> 8—

Province of } At a Meeting of the Proprietors of the Lands pur-  
New Hamp<sup>re</sup> } chased, of John Tufton Mason Esqr in New Hamp-  
shire, held at Portsmouth March 30<sup>th</sup> 1756—

The Reservation of said Proprietors shares in that Tract of land,  
or Township called Manadnock N<sup>o</sup> 8, or New Concord Viz<sup>t</sup> Sixteen  
Shares, or Rights, were drawn for, & Severed as entered to the per-  
sons above written & in the Manner described in the above Schedule,  
Reserving the Seventeenth Lot for the use of said Proprietors, as  
shall be hereafter disposed of by them, the above shares numbered,



one to sixteen Containing three hundred & fifty Acres, to a Share, the said Seventeenth share to Contain three hundred Acres—

attest, Geo : Jaffrey Prop<sup>rs</sup> Cle<sup>r</sup>

a true Copy of Record

attest : Geo : Jaffrey Prop<sup>rs</sup> Cl

[*Petition of Reuben Kidder, 1767.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 8, p. 96.]

To Theodore Atkinson Esq<sup>r</sup> & others, Proprietors of certain Lands in the Province of New Hampshire that formerly belonged to John Tufton Mason Esq<sup>r</sup>—

Humbly prays, Reuben Kidder, for a Grant of a Tract of Land lying in the afores<sup>d</sup> Lands, com'only known by the Name of *Monadnock Number Eight*—on the usual Conditions,—which will greatly oblige, Gentlemen, Your most Obd<sup>t</sup> & most

Hum<sup>l</sup> Serv<sup>t</sup>

Portsmouth Dec<sup>r</sup> y<sup>e</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> A D 1767.—

Reuben Kidder

[*Regrant of Washington, 1768.*]

[Masonian Proprietors' Records, March 17, 1768.]

Province of } Portsmouth March 17<sup>th</sup> 1768 Thursday five of the  
New Hampshire } Clock afternoon The Proprietors meet according to  
Adjournment—

Voted to give and grant to Reuben Kidder of Ipswich in the Province aforesaid Esq<sup>r</sup> all our Right and Property of, in and unto that Tract of land (or Township) known by the name of *Monadnock N<sup>o</sup> 8* (or new Concord) now Camden, lying in the Province aforesaid, and within the Claim of Mason's Patent, It being the Same Tract of land which was formerly granted to Cap<sup>t</sup> Peter Prescott & others, but now forfeited, and is bounded as follow's, viz<sup>t</sup>, Beginning at a Stake and heap of Stones at the north Westerly Corner of *Monadnock N<sup>o</sup> 7* —(so called) granted to Reuben Kidder aforesaid and others, which Stake and Stones is in the said Patent Line, formerly run by Joseph Blanchard Jun<sup>r</sup> Esq<sup>r</sup> from thence run's by Said N<sup>o</sup> 7, South Eighty Degrees East Six miles & an half to a Stake and Heap of Stones, from thence North twenty Eight Degrees East, Eight miles on

ungranted Lands to a Beech Tree, from thence North Eighty Degrees West Six Miles and an half to the Patent line aforesaid, from thence Southerly by Said Patent Line to the Bounds first mentioned—To have, and to hold, to him, his Heirs & Assigns on the Terms & Conditions with the Reservations hereafter expressed Viz<sup>t</sup> That the Grantors reserve one third part of said Tract (exclusive of Ponds) equal in Quality with the whole Tract the said third part to be laid out in three equal Divisions in three different Situations, as to be equal in Value of either of the other two thirds granted, & each of the three Divisions to be divided into two Shares or Lots well marked and described & number'd & to be in a Plan of the whole Tract returned within Six Months & drawn for by the Grantors at their Proprietors Meeting to ascertain each Proprietors Part & Share therein—That the said Reuben have within one Year from the making of this Grant, ten Family's Settled & Constantly to reside in said Tract hereby Granted & within two Years to have ten Families more settled & to Continue Residence there, & within three Years to have ten Families more settled in said Tract, & that in each of the three Years, there be ten Convenient dwelling houses built, & three Acres of Land to each Family to be cleared, inclosed & fitted for Mowing or Tillage on each of the Settlements—That all Publick highways be Laid out & Cleared in said Township thro' the Lands of the Grantors, & that hereby Granted, of three Rods wide for Main Roads, & two Rods for Cross Roads, as may best Accommodate those may inhabit the same, or the Publick, at the Charge & Expence of the Grantee his Heirs & Assigns, and that all Highways for the future as may be necessary shall be laid out without any Pay or allowance, for Damage to the Owner or Owners of any of the whole aforesaid—That the said Grantee shall reserve in some Convenient place, ten Acres of Land for building a Meeting house upon, a school House, Burying Ground, & Training-Field—Also two hundred Acres of Land for the first Settled Minister of the Gospel forever, who shall Continue in the Ministry there till Death, or be regularly dismiss from that Office, & two hundred Acres for a Glebe for the Use of the Gospel Ministry forever, & two hundred Acres for the Support of a School forever, And if the said Reuben Kidder shall neglect to perform the several Articles aforesaid, by him to be done four Months after the last Day aforesaid by which they ought to be done, then he the said Reuben Kidder shall forfeit the said Tract of Land & Premises to the said Grantors, their Heirs & Assigns—

Also all White Pine Trees, growing on said Tract fit for Masting his Majesty's Royal Navy, be and hereby Granted to his Majesty, his Heirs & Successors forever.—



[Condition of Settlements, 1771.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 8, p. 16.]

Manadnock N<sup>o</sup> 8 or Camden the acont of the Sattelors Houses  
Barns and Stock Lands Cleard and Trees Full on Each Lott—

| Names of the Setlers                | Time of Residents |    | Houses                 | Barns &                       | Stock of Cattel | acres Clerd | acres of Fall Trees |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------|----|------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------|-------------|---------------------|
|                                     | Y <sup>rs</sup>   | M. |                        |                               |                 |             |                     |
| Thomas Adams . . .                  | 3—                |    | framd House            | Barn                          | 8               | 30          | —                   |
| Abal Adams . . .                    | 3                 |    |                        |                               |                 |             | 10                  |
| Will <sup>m</sup> Scott . . .       | 2—                |    | Log Hous               |                               | 1               | 10          | 2                   |
| John Steal . . .                    | 1—6               |    | Log Hous               |                               | 1               | 18          | 7                   |
| Silus Parker . . .                  | 3—                |    | framd Hous             |                               |                 | 5           | 7                   |
| David Taylor . . .                  | 3—                |    | framd Hous             | Barn                          | 1               | 12          | 1                   |
| David Kyes . . .                    | 2—6               |    | Log Hous               | Barn                          | 3               | 5           | 7                   |
| Epheam Severants . .                | 3—6               |    | Log House              | hovil                         | 6               | 18          | 6                   |
| and <sup>r</sup> Boynton . . .      | —6                |    | Log Hous               |                               | 1               | 12          | 4                   |
| archabel White . . .                | 3—6               |    | framd Hous             | 11 Sheep<br>Log Barn<br>Sheep | 13<br>11        | 36          | 14                  |
| Jacob Burbank . . .                 | 2—6               |    | framd Hous             |                               | 1               | 12          | 4                   |
| Epream Severants Jn <sup>r</sup> .  | —6                |    |                        |                               |                 | 3           | 6                   |
| Joseph Farnsworth . .               | —1                |    |                        |                               |                 |             | 2                   |
| Robert Pollock . . .                | 2                 |    | Log Hous               |                               | 1               | 15          | 15                  |
| Epheam Procter . . .                | —8                |    | Log Hous               |                               |                 | 1           | 4                   |
| David Danford . . .                 | 1—6               |    | Log Hous               |                               | 2               | 7           | 5                   |
| John Safford . . .                  | 2—                |    | fram <sup>d</sup> Hous |                               | 2               | 10          | 25                  |
| Simeon Farnsworth . .               | 2—                |    | Log Hous               |                               | 1               | 10          | 10                  |
| abnor Samson . . .                  | 2—                |    | Log Hous               |                               |                 | 10          | 10                  |
| Roeb <sup>t</sup> Procter . . .     | —8                |    |                        |                               |                 | 2           | 1                   |
| Josiah Procter . . .                | —8                |    | Log Hous               |                               |                 | 3           |                     |
| Robert Man . . .                    | 1                 |    | fram <sup>d</sup> Hous |                               | 1               | 10          | 2                   |
| Will <sup>m</sup> Thomson . . .     | 1                 |    |                        |                               |                 | 1½          | 1½                  |
| abreham merrel . . .                | 2                 |    | Poll Hous              |                               |                 | 12          | 4                   |
| James maxwell . . .                 | 1                 |    | Log Hous               | Barn                          | 1               | 10          | 3                   |
| Will <sup>m</sup> Steal . . .       | —1                |    |                        |                               |                 |             | 3                   |
| Moses Chass . . .                   | 2—6               |    | Log Hous               |                               | 1               | 12          | 4                   |
| Ruben Kidder Esq <sup>r</sup> N R . |                   |    |                        |                               |                 |             | 15                  |

they have Cleard Good Rodes in Camden to all the Lotts that they have Satled on ; or began

Prov. N. Hampsh<sup>r</sup> } Dec<sup>r</sup> 10<sup>th</sup> Then Cap<sup>t</sup> Hubartes Neal made solemn  
 Rockingham } Oath the above accounts & Report are just & true  
 according to y<sup>e</sup> best of his Knowledge & y<sup>e</sup> best information he good  
 get—

Cor D Peirce Jus Pac

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[*Letter from Robert Fletcher, 1771.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 8, p. 97.]

Sir Your Propriety have Repatedly Requested and urged Reuben Kidder Esqr who Obtained the Grant of the Township of Cambden to Comply with the Conditions of his Grant, One of which is to Divide off all the Grantors Shares at his Own Expence under My care and Inspection. and there are a Considerable number of Famallys waiting for Nothing but the said Division to be made, that they may Know where to work and Compleate the Settlement next sum'er, it is Nec-  
 essary also on Esq<sup>r</sup> Kidders Acct in Order to save the Forfiture of his Grant—It will be of More Consequence to Your Propriety for me to attend that service this spring than any Other—and it will take so much time to Compleat the Division with any tolerable Equity. (and Must be done after the snow is Off.) that it will be Impossable for Me to attend the Proposed Survey at Tuftonbor<sup>o</sup> this season—Cap<sup>t</sup> Isaac Rindge Esq<sup>r</sup> or Cap<sup>t</sup> Royce can Recom'end to You Some Honest & Capable surveyor to do that work—I did not Recolect my Ingagement when I saw You last or should have Excused my Self on that acc<sup>t</sup> and Saved You any further Trouble, and my Self the Mortification of asking Your Pardon for in advertantly Promising what is not in my Power to comply with. Without Injuring Your Intrest as a Proprietor more by neglecting my ingagement to attend the Division of Your Intrests at Cambden, than any other of my services can Possably compensate or Repair. I must therefore Beg You to Excuse my Past inadvertance while I subscribe myself as I Really am Most Respectfully Your Hm<sup>le</sup> Serv<sup>t</sup>

Robert Fletcher

Dunstable March y<sup>e</sup> 2<sup>d</sup> 1771—

M<sup>r</sup> Peter Pearse Merch<sup>t</sup> Portsm<sup>o</sup>

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[*Letter from Reuben Kidder, 1771.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 8, p. 98.]

Sur I Red your Kind Later Dated october the Seventh and your Houner Rote to me the Grantees was unesey that I had not Returned



a Plan of the Town of Camden Sur the Reson was I Did not was by the new Line being Run taking in a Peace of Land on the west side of the Town and when I was at Portsmouth Last it was not Concluded on wich Line I Should go to I Shall be at Portsmouth in a fue Days and if thir Should be meeting of the Grantes I Should be glad it mite be Seatled wich Line I am to go to this from your Humbel Servent  
 October 29 1771 Reuben Kidder

To George Jaffery Esq<sup>r</sup>

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[*Grant Renewed*, 1772.]

[Masonian Proprietors' Records, Feb. 5, 1772.]

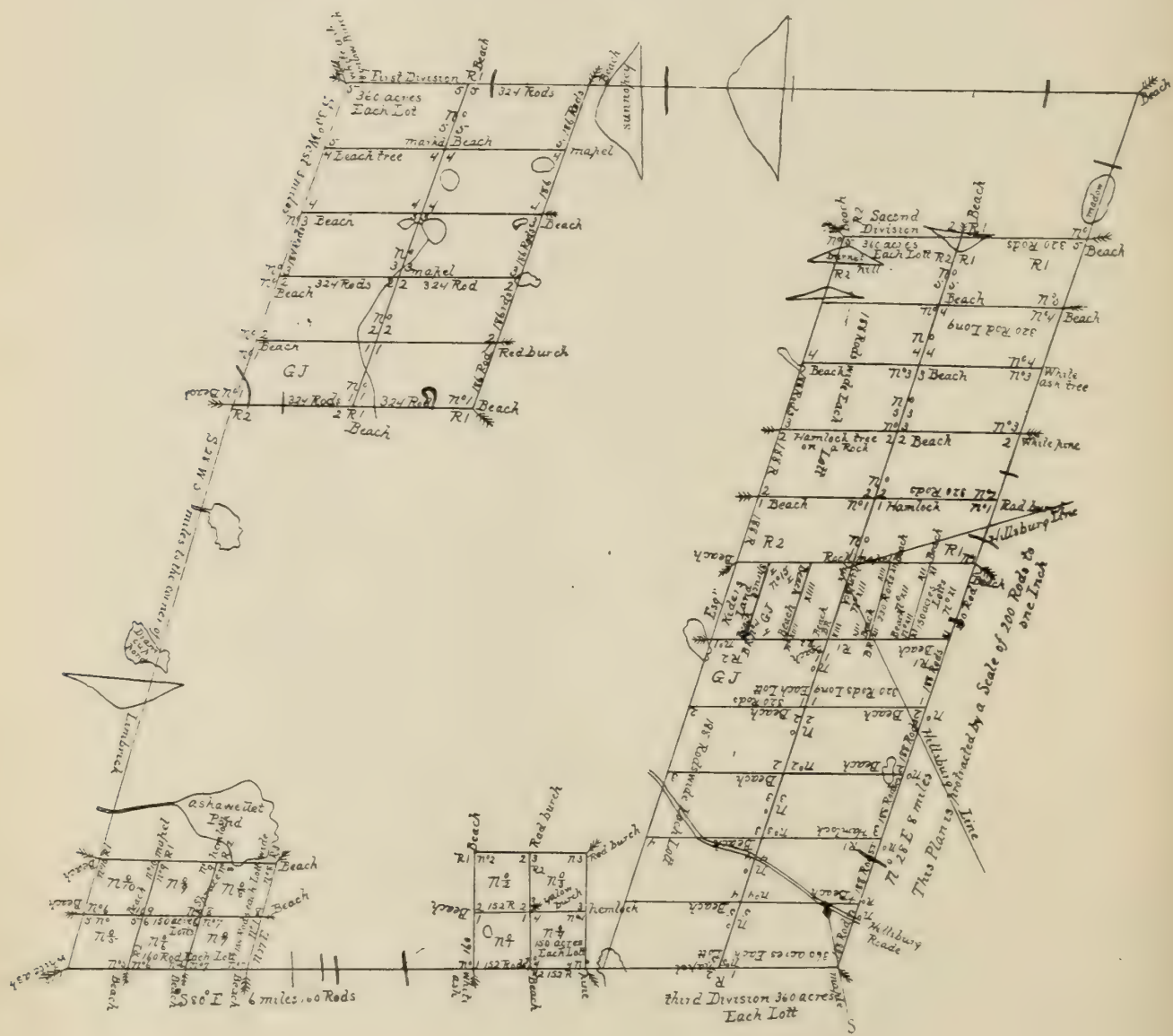
Province of        )   Portsmouth February 5<sup>th</sup> 1772 Wednesday three  
 New Hampsh<sup>r</sup> } of y<sup>e</sup> clock afternoon the Proprietors meet according  
 to adjournment—

The Proprietors on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of March 1768—having made a grant unto Reuben Kidder Esq<sup>r</sup> of a certain Tract of land on Condition of Settling the Same on certain Terms therein expressed and contained, which Terms & Condition the said Kidder hath failed of performing, to the Detriment of the Said Proprietors; and whereas the Said Reuben Kidder hath executed a certain Bond or Instrument dated the 29<sup>th</sup> day of January 1772 conditioned That there be further reserved to each of the Proprietors Rights one hundred and fifty Acres of land to be laid out Separately from the reserved Rights in the first grant, by the Surveyor whom they Shall send and Appoint to run out and mark the lines of the Township according to the true Intent and meaning of the Original Grant, and to lay out sever and mark the bounds of each lot of the said hundred and fifty acres Separately as aforesaid, to be done at the Charge and Expence of the Said Reuben Kidder his Executors or Administrators who are to pay the Same as soon as the work and Service shall be performed &c—

Upon Conditions of a further reservation of fifteen one hundred and fifty acre Lots, to the fifteen Proprietors Rights, of equal Quality with the fifteen shares reserved to the s<sup>d</sup> Proprietors in Said former grant, to be surveyed divided and marked, and numbered from one to fifteen; by a surveyor whom Said Proprietors shall appoint to do the Same; with the running and marking out the boundary lines, of the Tract of land granted to said Reuben Kidder on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of March 1768, with y<sup>e</sup> Reservations to said Proprietors also marked and numbred from one to fifteen and a Plan thereof made and returned to Said Proprietors within Six months from this date, and the Said Reuben

or his Heirs or Administrators shall pay the whole Expence of the Said Survey & Plan as soon as the same shall be performed by the Surveyor aforesaid—It is therefore Voted That the Said Reuben Kidder have a grant of one year from the Said 29<sup>th</sup> day of January to perform the Terms and Conditions of said former Grant—and in failure thereof, and of the Conditions of this grant, the said Reuben Kidder his Heirs and assigns shall forfeit the Said Tract of Land and Premises to the said Proprietors the Grantors their Heirs & Assigns, who may enter upon the Same as though there had not been any grant thereof made to the Said Reuben Kidder his heirs or assigns—

[Plan of Washington, 1772.]





Pursuant to orders to me Directed by the Comittee of the Proprietors of a Tract of Land Purchised of John Tuftin Mason Esq<sup>r</sup> I have Surveyed the Town of Camden or mennadnock N<sup>o</sup> 8 as folows Began at a White ash tree and heap of Stons in the Patent Line the North West Corner of Limbrick and Run by Said Limbrick Line South 80° East Six miles & half to a mapel tree and heap of Stons markd H N 1772 & Sundrey other Latters thence Run North 28° East Eight miles to a Beach tree markd as aforesaid, then turnd off and Run North 80° West 6½ miles to the Patent Line and markd a Small White ash and yalow Burch then measured on the Patent Line and Re Spotted it, Eight miles to the first meantioned White ash tree We Began at, measured by Sam Smart and Francis Durgin Sworn Chanemen Surveyed the 24<sup>th</sup> of June 1772

attest Hubartus Neal Dep<sup>t</sup> Surv<sup>r</sup>

I have also Layd out one third Part of the town of Camden for the Proprietors of masons Properite for their Reservation of Lands in three Equal Divisions and in Differant Situations and have Divided them into two Equal Shares or Lotts Wall marked and numberd as Discribed in the Plan of the Town and have also Layed out fifteen one hundred and fifty acres Lotts Wall markd and Numbred from one to fifteen

Apriel 14 1773 to the Gantors this Plan I Return as thair Reser-  
vation Laid out in Cambden as a Plan of Cambden by me

Reuben Kidder

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[*Bad Roads in Stoddard, 1773.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 8, p. 99.]

To the Honorable Propriators Purchesed under John Tufton Mason Esq<sup>r</sup> we your Humble Potioners Prayes and Desires that your Honers would take it under your Concideration the greait Deficulty we the inhabitance of Camden, Labour under by Reason of the Roades being So bad in the Township of monadnick N<sup>o</sup> 7 or Limbrick so Kalled that it is Allmost imposable for a teem to Pess there and Dangorous for a Hors Nothing has Ben Done by sa<sup>d</sup> N<sup>o</sup> 7 Propriators on the Roads of any Concequence for about Eighteen months Past and as their is a Number of families a moving to Camden on said Road as well as all our salt and Nails and other Nesaseries of Life from Boston must Come that way we Pray that your Honers would take it under your Consideration and we make no Doubt But your Honers in your greait wisdom will see justis Don which your Humble Potioners shall Ever Pray in Duty Bound—

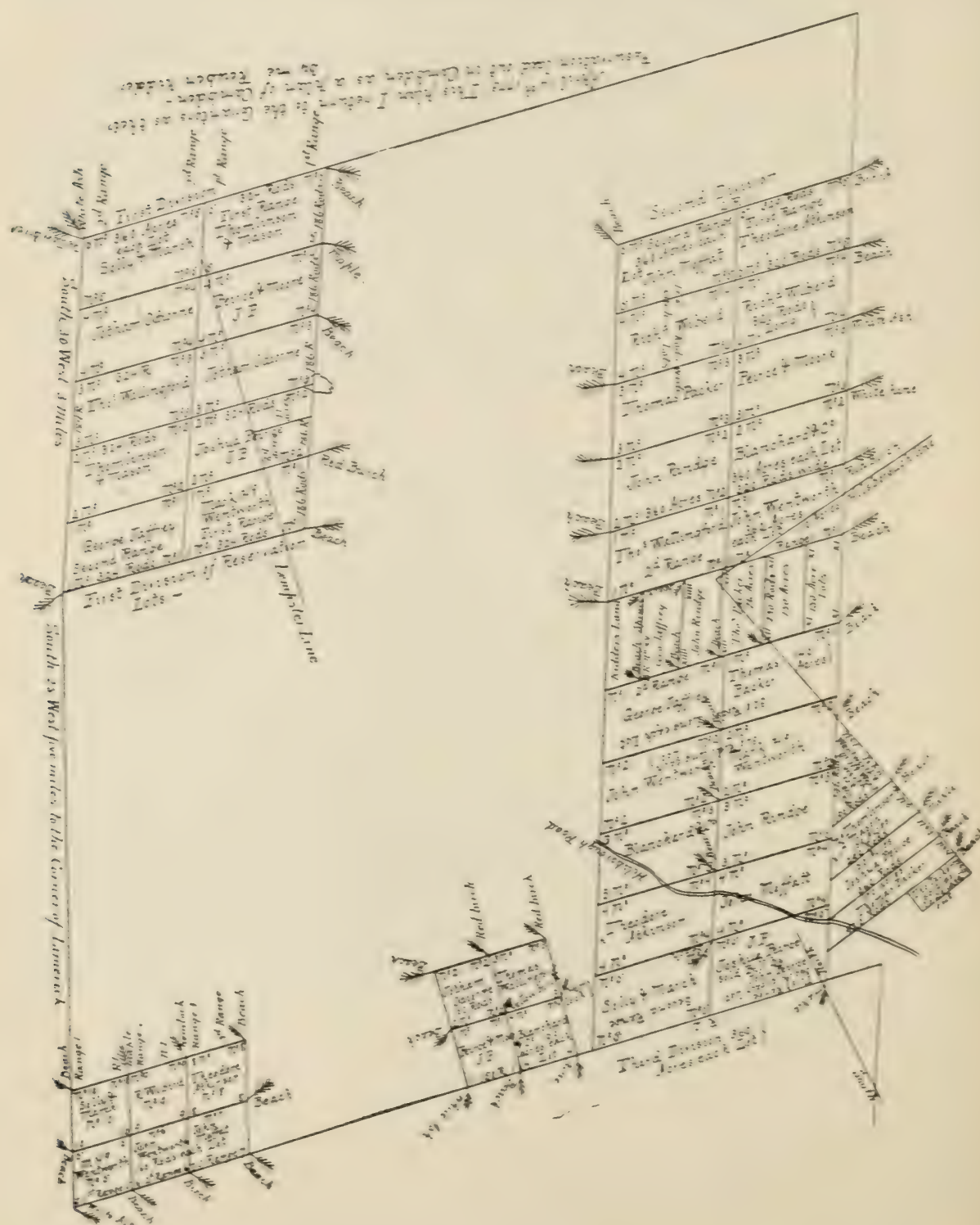
Camden janauary 19<sup>th</sup> 1773

john safford  
Moses Chase  
David Taylor  
Archebel white Jun  
Abner samson  
John Steel  
Daniel Sevrans  
David Danforth  
Ephram sevrans Jr

Arche<sup>b</sup> white  
Robert Pollok  
Jacob Burbank  
Robert Prockter  
joseph Farnsworth  
Daniel Keyes  
Abraham Estabrook  
Robbert man  
Ephraim Prockter

James maxwell  
Andrew Boynton  
Abel Marill  
Paul Hale  
Simeon Farnsworth  
Ephram Sevrans  
Josiah Procter  
william white

[Plan of Reserved Lots, 1773.]





Pursuant to orders to me directed by the Committee of the Proprietors of a Tract of Land purchased of John Tufton Mason Esquire, I have Surveyed the Town of Cambden or Monadnock N<sup>o</sup> 8—as follows, begining at a white ash Tree and heap of Stones on the patent line the Northwesterly Corner of Limerick, and run by said Limerick line south 80 east 6 miles & half to a Maple & heap of Stones Marked H N 1772 and sundry other letters, thence North 28 Degrees east—8 miles to a beach tree marked as aforesaid then turned & run North eighty west—6½ Miles to the Patent Line & marked a small white Ash & yellow birch then measuring on the patent line and Respoted it 8 miles to the first mentioned white ash Tree we began at.—

June 24, 1772

Hubartus Neal Dep<sup>t</sup> Survey<sup>r</sup>

I have also laid out one third part of the Town of Campdon for the Proprietors of Masons Patent for their Resurvation of Lands in three Equal Divisions & in Different situations and have divided them into two equal shares or Lots well marked & numbred as described in the plan of the Town and have also laid out Fifteen one hundred & fifty Acre lots, well marked and numbred from one to fifteen—

The last five Lots of 150 Acres each is laid out on the east boundary line of the Town & Lays between the second & third Divisions of first resurvation Lots and are 130 Rods long North 28 east & 110 Rods wide north 80 West and are marked on each corner Tree of the Lots B R N<sup>o</sup> XI XII XIII XIIII XV as each Tree is numbered & marked in the plan

The four Lots laid out in Cambells Gore is to make good taken out of Cambden by Hilsborough The lot N<sup>o</sup> 1 in Campbells Gore is to make up what is taken out of N<sup>o</sup> 1 in the second Devision of Resurvation Lots in the first Range by Hilsborough & N<sup>o</sup> 2 in the third Devision—and Lot N<sup>o</sup> 2 in said Gore makes up Lot N<sup>o</sup> XII in the one hundred & fifty Acre Lots taken out by Hilsborough, And the Lot N<sup>o</sup> three in said Gore makes good N<sup>o</sup> XI in said 150 Acre Lots—The Lot N<sup>o</sup> four in said Gore that is laid out and a Lot of 60 Acres marked on the plan not yet laid out, will make good for all the Land taken out of Lot N<sup>o</sup> 1 in the 3<sup>d</sup> Devision of Resurvation Lots in the first Range & Lot N<sup>o</sup> XIII in the 150 Acre Lots—The Lot N<sup>o</sup> 1 in the 3<sup>d</sup> Devision XIII in the last resurvation & N<sup>o</sup> 4 and the 60 Acre in the Gore not yet laid out should be fixed to one Proprietors share with one Lot more where you please to fix it to make a whole Share

[*Reserved Lots, 1773.*]

[Masonian Proprietors' Records, July 21, 1773.]

Province of ) Portsmouth July 21<sup>st</sup> 1773 Wednesday three of  
 New Hampsh<sup>r</sup> ) the Clock afternoon at the Dwelling house of James  
 Stoodly Esq<sup>r</sup> Innholder the Proprietors meet according to adjourn-  
 ment—

Voted that the Lots reserved and laid out in the Tract of land granted to Reuben Kidder Esq<sup>r</sup> called Camden, being reserved for the Grantors and delineated on the Plan returned by said Kidder to the Grantors that the Same be drawn for to the Rights of each of the Proprietors the Grantors, and that the Same be entered as drawn to each Right, and so entered, the Same Shall be held in Severance to whom drawn, their respective heirs and Assigns for ever—and are drawn as follow's

1 drawn To John Wentworth Esq<sup>r</sup> N<sup>o</sup> 2: 2<sup>d</sup> Range 3<sup>d</sup> division—  
 N<sup>o</sup> 1—1 Range 2 divis<sup>n</sup> N<sup>o</sup> 6 a 150 Acre Lot

2—To Blanchard Meserve &<sup>c</sup> N<sup>o</sup> 3—2<sup>d</sup> Ran—3 div: N<sup>o</sup> 2—1<sup>st</sup> 2<sup>d</sup>—  
 N<sup>o</sup> 4 a D<sup>o</sup>

3—To Peirce and Moore—N<sup>o</sup> 4—1<sup>st</sup> Ran—1 div:—N<sup>o</sup> 3—1<sup>st</sup>—2—  
 N<sup>o</sup> 1—a D<sup>o</sup>

4—To Thomas Packer Esq<sup>r</sup>—N<sup>o</sup> 3—2<sup>d</sup> Ran—2 divi. N<sup>o</sup> 1—1—3—  
 N<sup>o</sup> 13—D<sup>o</sup>

5—To Thomas Walingford Esq<sup>r</sup>—N<sup>o</sup> 1—2<sup>d</sup> Ran—2 div: N<sup>o</sup> 3—  
 2—1<sup>st</sup>—N<sup>o</sup> 3—D<sup>o</sup>

6 To Theodore Atkinson Esq<sup>r</sup> N<sup>o</sup> 4. 2<sup>d</sup> Ran—3 div: N<sup>o</sup> 5—1—2<sup>d</sup>—  
 N<sup>o</sup> 8—D<sup>o</sup>

7 To John Moffatt Esq<sup>r</sup>—N<sup>o</sup> 5—2<sup>d</sup> Ran. 2<sup>d</sup> div. N<sup>o</sup> 4—1—3<sup>d</sup>—N<sup>o</sup> 7  
 —D<sup>o</sup>

8 To Thomlinson & Mason—N<sup>o</sup> 5—1<sup>st</sup> Ran. 1<sup>st</sup> div N<sup>o</sup> 2—2<sup>d</sup>—1<sup>st</sup>—  
 N<sup>o</sup> 12—D<sup>o</sup>

9 To Richard Wibird Esq<sup>r</sup>—N<sup>o</sup> 4—2<sup>d</sup> Ran. 2 div: N<sup>o</sup> 4—1—2<sup>d</sup>—  
 N<sup>o</sup> 9—D<sup>o</sup>

10 To John Rindge N<sup>o</sup> 2—2<sup>d</sup> Ran. 2<sup>d</sup> div N<sup>o</sup> 3—1—3<sup>d</sup>—N<sup>o</sup> 14—D<sup>o</sup>

11 To Mark Hink<sup>s</sup> Wentworth Esq<sup>r</sup> N<sup>o</sup> 1—1<sup>st</sup> Ran. 1 div: N<sup>o</sup> 2—  
 1—3—N<sup>o</sup> 5—D<sup>o</sup>

12 To Jotham Odiorne Esq<sup>r</sup>—N<sup>o</sup> 3—1 Ran. 1 div: N<sup>o</sup> 4—2—1<sup>st</sup>.—  
 N<sup>o</sup> 2—D<sup>o</sup>

13 To Joshua Peirce Esq<sup>r</sup>—N<sup>o</sup> 2—1 Ran—1 div: N<sup>o</sup> 5—1—3<sup>d</sup>—  
 N<sup>o</sup> 11—D<sup>o</sup>

14 To George Jaffrey Esq<sup>r</sup> N<sup>o</sup> 1—2 Ran. 3 div N<sup>o</sup> 1—2—1—N<sup>o</sup>  
 15—D<sup>o</sup>

15 To Solly & March—N<sup>o</sup> 5—2 Ran. 3 div. N<sup>o</sup> 5 2<sup>st</sup>—1<sup>st</sup>—N<sup>o</sup> 10—  
 D<sup>o</sup>



[*John Goffe to Daniel Rogers, 1774.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 8, p. 99.]

Derryfeild Apriel 29 1774

Hon<sup>ble</sup> Sir

I Told the man of the Tract of Land (viz) the 1000 acrs that I Talked of bying for him but he Esteems it but of very Littel value and will not Give more than one half the price you asked for it nor Does he in Cline to have any thing to Do with it at all, nor I for It is Said here its, Desputable weather it is not Granted to Greedley however I have Don with it

Honnored Sirs the Lines of your Sosiety land are so hard to be found that the people that have purchased cannot find the Exact Spot there land is on and they Complain one incroches upon an others land and som are Liable to loose there labour therfore they pray your Hon<sup>rs</sup> would order the lins to be Run anew so that Every one may know their own lines & I am sure it is best for you to have Run Speedely for the old lines are So Grown out that they Cant be followed and it is said that a great part of them lines never were Run

Gent<sup>n</sup> it with Regard to you & your Intrist as well as to Those that Complain for fear they should lose there Labour that Lines Come from him who the Greatest Regard Subscribes Him Selfe your Hon<sup>rs</sup> most obdent Humbele—

Sarvant

John Goffe

To the Hon<sup>ble</sup> Danil Rogers

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[*Petition for Bridge, 1775.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 8, p. 100.]

To The Gentlemen Proprietors of Mason's Grant &C—

The Humble Petition of the Inhabitants of Camden the South west part of Hillborough and Society land (So Call'd)—Humbly Sheweth—

That your Honn<sup>rs</sup> Petitioners Desires ye will be pleas'd for the Incouragement of Setleing and Inhabiting the Wilderness where a part of your honours Interes lies, That wherein as we your Petitionrs do Make an offer of Clearing a Road from Camden through Camels-Gore the South west part of Hillborough and the Society land (So called) to the North west Corner of Frances Town, where there is a

good Road from thence to Amherst and Likewise a good Road from N<sup>o</sup> four to Camden your honour's Petitioner's thinks it Necessary to acquaint your honours of the Dangers and Difficultys the are Exposed too both Spring and fall on Account of Contacook River for w<sup>th</sup> reason, we your honour's petitioners hopes ye will take it to a Charitable Consideration. and for your honours Interest and for the Good of the Publick in General, advance as Much Money as will be Sufficient for Building a Bridge on Said River, and by So doing your honours Petitioners will as in Duty bound—Ever Pray—

|                            |                                |                                 |
|----------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Maurice Lynch              | John Green                     | Samuel Jones                    |
| John M'Cleary              | John Gorden                    | Daniel gibson                   |
| Sam <sup>l</sup> moore     | Rob <sup>t</sup> Burns         | Richard M <sup>c</sup> allaster |
| John M <sup>c</sup> Calley | John Gibson                    | Moses Steel                     |
| John Burns                 | Asa Dresser                    | Andrew Bixbe                    |
| William Jones              | David Scobey                   | Simeon Farnsworth               |
| David Lowell Junr          | Abel Merrill                   | Ebene <sup>r</sup> Spaulding    |
| Archeb white               | Timothy Lowell                 | Sameul Lowell                   |
| Peter Lowell               | Simon Lowell                   | Robert mann                     |
| Josiah Procter             | John Onail                     | david lowell Sene <sup>r</sup>  |
| William white              | James maxwell                  | Jacob Burbank                   |
| Moses Chase                | David Danforth                 | William Procter                 |
| Nathan Procter             | Robert Pollok                  | John safford                    |
| Abraham Estabrook          | Joseph Rouncevell              | Paul Hale                       |
| Jeptha Ashley              | Archable White ju <sup>r</sup> | Abner Samson                    |
| William Steel              | Joseph Dickey                  | Thomas Stuart                   |
|                            | Francis Diomond                |                                 |

[Endorsed] 1775 22 Feby To lay for further Consideration

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[*Deed, John Peirce to William Bell, 1791.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 8, p. 101.]

Know all men by these presents that I John Pierce of Portsmouth in the County of Rockingham and State of New Hampshire Merchant For and in Consideration of the sum of one Hundred and Twenty pounds Lawful Money of said State to me in hand paid by William Bell of Dearing heretofore of Goffestown in the County of Hillsborough Husbandman the Receipt whereof I do hereby acknowledge have given granted bargained Sold & Released and by these presents do give grant bargain Sell aliene Release Convey and Confirm to him



the said William Bell his heirs and assigns all the Right title Interest Claim and Demand that I have in and to A Certain Lot of Land in Washington in the County of Cheshire and State aforesaid being Lot N<sup>o</sup> five in the first Range and third Division Containing three Hundred and Sixty Acres more or Less Part of the Original Right of Joshua Pierce Esq<sup>r</sup> Deceased and lays in the South easterly Corner of the Town, adjoining Campbells Gore To Have and to Hold the said granted Premises with the appurtenances thereof to him the said William Bell his heirs and assigns to his and their proper use Benefit and Behoof Forever I hereby engaging to warrant and Defend the said granted Premises against all Claims and Demands of any Person or Persons Claiming by from or under me and the said Original Proprietor and I Mary wife of the said John for the Consideration aforesaid do hereby give and grant all my Right and Power of thirds in the Premises In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal this 24<sup>th</sup> Day of Oct<sup>r</sup> Anno Domini 1791

Signed sealed and }  
Delivered in Pres- }  
ence of us—

John Pierce [Seal]

Mary Pierce [Seal]

Tobias Walker }  
George Gains }

Rockingham ss Portsmouth the 24<sup>th</sup> Day of Oct<sup>r</sup> 1791 then the above named John & Mary Pierce Personally appearing acknowledged the above Written Instrument to be his Voluntary act and Deed Before me

George Gains Justice Peace

Rec<sup>d</sup> June 13<sup>th</sup> 1796 Recorded & Examined

Ⓢ Benj<sup>a</sup> Bellows Recdr

A True Copy of Record Examined

Ⓢ Benj<sup>a</sup> Bellows Rdr

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[*Plan of First Division, Reserved Lots, 1813.*]

Fishersfield July 15th 1813

M<sup>r</sup> Peirce Sir, Agreeable to your Request I have been to Washington and have had that Land surveyed which you wished to have me do, and therefore I Return you the Plan with my doings there on this from yours to Serve,

Samuel Gunnison

Mem<sup>o</sup> all the Red Ink done by John Peirce





a Plan of J Peirce Esqs Land Laying in the north part of Washington[n] Laid down by a Scale of two Hundred rods to an Inch July 8<sup>th</sup> 1813

by John Fisher

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[*Minutes.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 8, p. 102.]

A Man Down with M<sup>r</sup> Swett choses N<sup>o</sup> 1, & N<sup>o</sup> 6 in Washington no promise only to let M<sup>r</sup> Swett know Feb<sup>y</sup> 15, 1811—Solomon Andrews is the above—

M<sup>r</sup> John P. Chapman applies to purchase part of M<sup>r</sup> Rindges Lot in Washington N<sup>o</sup> 3, 1<sup>st</sup> Range 3<sup>d</sup> divis—& prefers Lot N<sup>o</sup> 1 & his brother wants N<sup>o</sup> 3, or 6—Aug 20, 1811 came down this day 2<sup>d</sup> Journey on purpose promised him the refusal

Ebenes Spaulding of Washington wants N<sup>o</sup> 6 applies by Letter Feb. 16 1815—

John Lewis of Washington wants Lot N<sup>o</sup> 6 & N<sup>o</sup> 7 applies this 14 Feb. 1816

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[*Letter, Johnston to Peirce, 1817.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 8, p. 103.]

Hillsborough 3<sup>rd</sup> Novr 1817

M W Pierce Esquire Sir

The barrer hereof is M<sup>r</sup> John Lewis, will apply for the Lot of Land which I agreed with you for the last time I was in Portsmouth if he concluded to give the five dollars p<sup>r</sup> Acre, I have made enquirey and find that M<sup>r</sup> John P Chapman of Washington is *Dead* and allso M<sup>r</sup> Sweet of Windsor; M<sup>r</sup> Lewis is a man of good property for a Farmer, and I have no *doubt*, but what he will fulfill any contract he may make with you at the time he agrees—your Buisness at Bradford I believe I shall compromise, I have not been at Washington but will not fail to attend to it

Your very humble ser<sup>t</sup>

N. Johnston.

[*Bond of Peirce and Rogers, 1817.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 8, p. 102.]

Portsmouth November 8<sup>th</sup> 1817. Received of Mr John Lewis of Hillsborough Two Hundred Dollars on Account of and in part of the purchase money of Lot N<sup>o</sup> 3, in the first Range & Third Division in Washington containing Three Hundred & Sixty Acres More or less which we have this day agreed to Sell him for the Sum of Nineteen Hundred Dollars of which the aforesaid Two Hundred are a part, & if said Lewis shall any time in the month of February next pay us a further Sum of Two Hundred Dollars & give us his notes signed by himself & Aaron Barnes for Fifteen Hundred Dollars more payable (with Interest from this date, to be paid annually) Two Hundred Dollars a year until the whole Shall be paid Then we agree to give a good & Sufficient deed of the Lot aforesaid—& To the performance of this agreement We bind ourselves our heirs & assigns—Mr Lewis is also to give a mortgage As Security of his & Mr Barnes Notes

Signed M W Peirce  
D. R. Rogers

N B. I have further agreed with Mr Lewis if he will pay the whole Sum in Cash when he takes the deed in February to abate him One Hundred Dollars

M W Peirce

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[*Minutes, 1817-21.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 8, p. 104.]

Sep. 24, 1817 I agreed for ourselves & heirs of Mr<sup>s</sup> Rogers to Sell the whole of this Great Lot to John Lewis at \$5 p Acre \$400 down—provided however Mr Sweet & John P. Chapman who had 1<sup>st</sup> Offer did not wish it on those terms—This offer made to N Johnston of Hillsboro, who is to give the Answer as soon as may be at farthest in Nov next—Mr Johnston offered \$4 75 Acre supposing Lot to Contain 360 Acres

We have this day Sold the Remainder of Lot N<sup>o</sup> 2—1<sup>st</sup> R & 1<sup>st</sup> divis to Samuel & Hezekiah Davis of Washington 161 acres for \$410—papers sent by Gunnison There is to be p<sup>d</sup> down 50

Notes 360

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410

4<sup>th</sup> June 1821

M W P



This is a historical land survey map showing several numbered lots and ponds. The map is oriented with North at the top. Key features include:

- Lot No 5:** Located in the upper left, measuring 268 Acres including all of the North Pond, which is situated on Large Lot No 3.
- Lot No 6:** Located in the upper right, measuring 98 Acres.
- Lot No 7:** Located in the center, measuring 90 Acres 40 Rods.
- Lot No 4:** Located in the lower center, measuring 73 Acres.
- Lot No 3:** Located in the lower right, measuring 115 Acres 40 Rods.
- Ponds:**
  - North Pond:** A large pond in the center, with a "Marked white Maple tree" on its shore.
  - Ashawille Pond:** Located in the lower left, measuring 15 Acres & 40 Square Rods.
  - Mays Pond:** Located in the lower right, measuring 143 Acres 110 Rods.
- Measurements:** Various distances are given in rods (R) and acres (A). For example, "106 Rods to west Shore of Pond" and "148 R to East Shore Pond".
- Landmarks:** "Ancient marked Beach tree" is noted on the left. "Marked white Maple tree" is noted near Lot No 4. "Marked fish tree by side brook" is noted near Lot No 6.
- Other Notes:**
  - "The piece Mr Gove is wishing to purchase is enclosed with the red picked line".
  - "Sold Tresham Collins & John Butterfield Feb 8, 1831 for \$300.—"
  - "Sold James M. Palmer, Albert A. Durgin, Harvey White June 14, 1834 at \$2.50 per Acre".

by Moses D Wadly } Surveyer

M. D Wadly } Sur<sup>y</sup>

Sep<sup>r</sup> 15, 1840





## WEARE.

[This town was granted by Massachusetts, June 19, 1735, to Robert Hale, petitioning for Capt. John Raymond's men, and was called *Beverly-Canada*, and *Hale's-town*. Granted by the Masonian Proprietors, Sept. 20, 1749, to Ichabod Robie and others and called at times *Robie's-town* and *Weare's-town*. Incorporated as Weare, Sept. 21, 1764, and named in honor of Meshech Weare. The line between Weare and Dunbarton was established July 2, 1853.

See Massachusetts and New Hampshire charters in preceding volumes; IX, Bouton Town Papers, 791; XIII, Hammond Town Papers, 637; Index to Laws, 571; historical sketch, by William Little, Hurd's History of Hillsborough County, 1885, p. 678; History, 1735 to 1888, by town committee, 1888, pp. 1064; Stewart's History of the Free Baptists, 1862, p. 252; Baptist Churches in N. H., by E. E. Cummings, 1836, pp. 10, 21; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, p. 244; sketch, 12, Farmer's Monthly Visitor, 150; Along the Piscataquog, A Sketch of Weare, by Ida G. Adams, 19, Granite Monthly, 329.]

[*Petition for Grant*, 1748.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 8, p. 105.]

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|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| Jacob Stanyan                             | Cap <sup>t</sup> Jethro Tilton           | Edward Gove                       |
| Cap <sup>t</sup> Sam <sup>l</sup> Prescut | Deacon Josi Bachelder                    | Leu <sup>t</sup> Joseph Bachelder |
| Benj Swett                                | Ens <sup>n</sup> Rich <sup>d</sup> Nason | Benj Hilyard                      |
| Elisha Prescut                            | Eben <sup>r</sup> Prescut                | Sam <sup>l</sup> Prescut Juner    |
| Abner Philbrick                           | Enoch Sanburn                            | Jeremiah Pearson                  |
| Jon <sup>a</sup> Hilyard                  | Nathan Tilton                            | Theop <sup>h</sup> Bachelder      |
| Abner Sanburn                             | Sam <sup>l</sup> Shaw                    | M <sup>r</sup> Meshech Weare      |
| Jacob Brown                               | Reuben Sanburn                           | Jon <sup>a</sup> Gove             |
| Relph Butler                              | John Loverin                             | Bradbury Green                    |
| Walter willim                             | Leu <sup>t</sup> Edmond Brown            | Jeremiah Bennet                   |
| Timothy Blake Juner                       | Jon <sup>a</sup> Green Juner             | Simon Fogg                        |
| John Gove Juner                           | Pain Row                                 | Widow Judith Quinbie              |
| Tho <sup>s</sup> Boyd                     | Jon <sup>a</sup> Steward                 | John Clifford                     |
|   | Enoch Barker                             |                                   |

Hampton Falls Octob<sup>r</sup> 20<sup>th</sup> 1748

The foregoing is a List of Persons belonging to Hampton falls who request of the Gentlemen who purchased M<sup>r</sup> Masons Claim a tract of Land Sutable for a Township And we the Subscribers as a Com<sup>tee</sup> on their behalf Request to have the Same Upon Amuskiege falls or As Near thereto as we may find a Convenient Place that is not already Disposed of

Sam<sup>l</sup> Prescut } Com<sup>tee</sup>  
Benj<sup>a</sup> Hilyard }

[*Another Petition for Grant, 1748.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 8, p. 106.]

To the Gentlemen Proprietors of M<sup>r</sup> Masons Right

We the Subscribers belonging to Hampton falls being Inform'd That you are Granting of Tracts of Land Sutable for Townships And we having (The most of us) Already Requested of you by a Committee which we Sent for that Purpose A Tract of Land Sutable for a Township As near to Amuskiege as we Could: And Understanding that there are two Townships now run out by m<sup>r</sup> Goffe and others—We now Request that we may have a Tract Sutable for a Township to begin at the upper or Northwesterly Corner of the Nothermost of those Two which are now run out and to Run Downward or Southerly upon their line Six miles And then to go back to make a tract of Six miles Square

Hampton Falls Nov<sup>r</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> 1748

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|---------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Jacob Stanyan             | Jethro Tilton                   | Sam <sup>ll</sup> Prescut  |
| Edward Gove               | Enoch Sanborn                   | Abner Sanborn              |
| Jacob Brown               | Ichabod Robie                   | Tho <sup>s</sup> Cram      |
| Tho <sup>s</sup> Brown    | Josiah Bachelder                | Joseph Bachelder           |
| Rich <sup>d</sup> Nason   | Nathan Tilton                   | Elisha Prescut             |
| Eben <sup>r</sup> Prescut | Sam <sup>ll</sup> Prescut Juner | The <sup>o</sup> Bachelder |
| Sam <sup>ll</sup> Shaw    | Benj <sup>n</sup> Hilyard       | Jon <sup>a</sup> Hilyard   |
| Tho <sup>s</sup> Boyd     | John Gove Juner                 | Benj Swett                 |
| Mashech weare             | Jeremiah Pearson                | Jeremiah Bennet            |
| Timathy Blake Juner       | Jon <sup>a</sup> Green Juner    | Enoch Barker               |
| Abner Philbrick           | John Loverin                    | Bradbury Green             |
| Walter Willims            | Jacob Brown                     | Edmond Brown               |
| Jon <sup>a</sup> Gove     | Reuben Sanborn                  | Judith Quinbie widow       |
| Pain Row                  | Ralph Butler                    | Jon <sup>a</sup> Stuert    |
| John Swain                | Enoch Gove                      | Henry Robie                |
| John Clifford             | Simon fogg                      |                            |

Portsm<sup>o</sup> Dec<sup>r</sup> 21<sup>st</sup> 1748 at a meeting agreed that Tim<sup>o</sup> Fuller of Middleton y<sup>e</sup> Eldest Son of Coll<sup>o</sup> Prescot decas<sup>d</sup> of Groton & w<sup>m</sup> Prescot his Brother Benj<sup>a</sup> Bancroft of Groton & John Gage Esqu<sup>r</sup> be grantees in Hales Town so call'd—

G J—

Mem<sup>o</sup> Meshech Wear Esq bro<sup>t</sup> in & filed a Plan taken at his and associates request Surveyd by Joseph Baker Surveyer—we finde the Vote formerly past was Sufficient & therefore have nothing to ad unless We Should think Proper to Accomodate Co<sup>ll</sup> Hale & in that



Case to Enlarge the Town So that the Grantees Shears Should not be Lessened—Jan<sup>ry</sup> 11 1748/ at a meeting this Mem<sup>o</sup> read & agreed to—  
G J jr

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[*Letter from Ebenezer Flagg, 1748.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 8, p. 107.]

Chester No<sup>br</sup> 9 1748

S<sup>r</sup> Co<sup>ll</sup> Blanchard call'd upon me As he returnd from Portsmouth And by his Advice, I take it upon me to write A few lines I Need not tell you that Country Ministers Are generally pretty poor, And their Small Saleries forbid them ever thinking to lay up Anything for their Children that way; this is *So obvious*—Therefore I took this Scheme that my Children After me might Not be Beggars or Idle, but to get An honest living with the Sweat of their faces, Obtained five Rights in Hales Town the Duty of which Rights I proposed to perform According to y<sup>e</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> Courts Act. But now I find that the property belongs to *Yoursf* & Some other Gentlemen (a good Providence this) for As y<sup>e</sup> Co<sup>ll</sup> tells me you Are disposed to continue Such in their Rights which they purchased Upon honourable Terms: I have Already Expended considerable Money & have a Sawmill fit for Business, A house not quite fit to live in And have cleard About Eight or ten Acres of land And to loose all this must be hurtful to me & my children Therefore I Intreat your favour that I might yet hold those Rights, complying with your Terms of Settlement which I Am Ready to do: And that you would Use Your Interest In my behalf with y<sup>e</sup> honourable Genl<sup>m</sup> Your Associates. You'l greatly oblige your humble Servant

Ebenezer Flagg

P. S. I wrote a few lines to Co<sup>ll</sup> Atkinson relating to y<sup>e</sup> Same Affair—And if you Could find A leasure Space And would write two or three words I Shall take it As A futher favour

E F—

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[*Ebenezer Flagg to Theodore Atkinson, 1748.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 8, p. 108.]

Chester Nob<sup>r</sup> 9, 1748

Hon<sup>d</sup> S<sup>r</sup> Understanding by Co<sup>ll</sup> Blanchard Upon his return from Portsmouth that Masons Claim was fallen into Your hands with Some

other Gentlemen. And many of the Massachusetts Grants lying within that Claim, Yet You Are not disposed to hurt Any one y<sup>t</sup> had Expended Money or Labour in bringing forward the Settlement of those grants: Now S<sup>r</sup> By y<sup>e</sup> Co<sup>l</sup>s Advice I would Enform your Hon<sup>r</sup> that I have five Rights in my hands belonging to the Township call'd Hales Town upon which I have Expended considerable I have A Sawmill built Raised one Dwelling house and Cleard considerable land, which Expencc would hurt my Interest much to loose: Therefore I Stand ready to fulfill Such obligations of Settlement As You in your Wisdom think fit & Suitable for y<sup>e</sup> Speedy Settlement thereof— Therefore I Crave your goodness that I might not be a looser by being a promoter of Setling *wilderness land*. from Some conversation with y<sup>e</sup> Co<sup>l</sup> w<sup>m</sup> I have named Above I have reason to think that he would Undertake to Manage y<sup>e</sup> Settlement of Halestown if he Should Receive a few lines of Order from y<sup>e</sup> Company which would be very convenien he being So near & pfectly knowing in y<sup>e</sup> Affair

S<sup>r</sup> I Am Yo<sup>r</sup> humble Servant

Ebenezer Flagg

[*Petition of Rumford Men, 1748.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 8, p. 109.]

Rumford December the 1 1748

To the Purchasers & Proprioters of Cap<sup>t</sup> Jn<sup>o</sup> Tufton Masson Right in Lands in Said Province—

Whereas the Persons Named on the others Side have Improvd Lands in a Township Called Heals Town Lying North of New Boston in whose behalf I Request the fever of the Proprietors when that tract of Land is granted by you that you would Suffer the within Nams to be granted in Manner and upon Such Terms as you Shall Se Meet

|                     |                                 |                                 |
|---------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Jeremiha Clough     | Jeremiha Clough Juner           | Thomas Clough                   |
| Thomas Clough Juner | John Moor Juner                 | Jeremiha Eastman Juner          |
| Judah Trumbel       | Simon Trumbel                   | Moses Eastman                   |
| James Shepeard      | Solomon Anis                    | Nathan Stevens                  |
| Phinis Vergin       | Henery Lovgoy                   | Jonathan Merrill                |
| Ephram Fernem Juner | Lot Colby                       | Ruben Correr                    |
| Thomas Merrill      | Daniel Chase Jn <sup>r</sup>    | Jonathan Chase                  |
| Richard Hasseltin   | moses merrill                   | Joseph Hull                     |
| Abner Chapleman     | George Hull                     | Timothy Walker Jun <sup>r</sup> |
| William Walker      | Timothy walker y <sup>e</sup> 4 | Samuell walker                  |



James Peters  
Banjaman Stanly  
Ebenezer Colbe

John Dow  
Jacob Shut  
moses fostor  
Zebediar Farnam

John Merrill Jun<sup>r</sup>  
John West  
Humphrey Keyes

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[*Petition of the Walkers*, 1748.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 8, p. 110.]

Prov<sup>e</sup> of New } To The Hon<sup>o</sup> the Purchasers & Proprietors of  
Hampshire } Mason's Right in y<sup>e</sup> Province aforesaid

We the Subscribers understanding that you are about to grant Part or all of y<sup>e</sup> Land which you purchased of Cap<sup>t</sup> John Tufton Mason to y<sup>e</sup> Subjects of this Prov<sup>e</sup> & beg Leave to inform you that we were Proprietors in Hales Town (so called) as it was granted by y<sup>e</sup> Prov<sup>e</sup> of y<sup>e</sup> Massach<sup>s</sup> Bay & have been at considerable Trouble & Cost in Setling & improving Said Town as clearing Land building a Saw mill &c And therefore Pray that when you grant Said Tract of Land you would take our Case under Consideration & make Sure to us our Possessions & Improvements & give us such other Additions & Encouragements as you shall see meet

We would also farther inform you (altho' not impowered by them to solicit your Favour) that y<sup>e</sup> following Persons have also made improvements in S<sup>d</sup> Town Viz<sup>t</sup> Joseph Wood Jona<sup>th</sup> Morgan Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Eb<sup>r</sup> Flagg Timothy Walker jun<sup>r</sup> Menassey Trask Retire Trask Will<sup>m</sup> Leach Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> John Chipman Tho<sup>s</sup> Porter Geo Hull Joseph Hull Wid<sup>w</sup> Chapman & two Sons Nath<sup>l</sup> Moulton Benj Reymont Hugh Montgomery Benj<sup>n</sup> Corning Will<sup>m</sup> Walker Coll Hale Gershom Keys Humphery Keys your favourable Consideration of y<sup>e</sup> Premises will very much oblige Y<sup>r</sup>

Hub Servants

Timothy Walker Juner  
William Walker

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[*George Jaffrey to Joseph Blanchard*, 1748.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 8, p. 111.]

Portsm<sup>o</sup> Decem<sup>r</sup> 22<sup>d</sup> 1748—

Joseph Blanchard Esq<sup>r</sup>

Sir—Yours of the 19<sup>th</sup> ☞ M<sup>r</sup> Prescott came to me, by him which I communicated to the proprietors last evening, at a Meeting, in con-

sequence of your recommendation, the Prop<sup>rs</sup> would have accomodated Mr Prescott, & Bancroft in Stark's & C<sup>o</sup> Grant, but that was finish'd Satterday last, and as the Prop<sup>rs</sup> were about to dispose of Hales Town, they have agreed that Mr Prescott & his Bro<sup>r</sup> W<sup>m</sup> & Cap<sup>t</sup> Bancroft, have each of them a Share in said Town, when granted, and if you take Mr Prescott into your District, as others it would be approv'd off You'l see in the Grant to Stark & c<sup>o</sup> that Eben<sup>r</sup> Parkhurst is provided for, in consequence of his application to the proprietors shewing he had purchas'd of Zach<sup>s</sup> Lovell & c<sup>e</sup> which was esteem'd sufficient, to answer what Mr Lovell requests, tho Too late to be consider'd in Stark's Grant, if otherwise the multiplicity of Business prevented a particular attention to what you mention of Cap<sup>t</sup> Baldwin of Sudbury, & as the place, the subject of his applica<sup>n</sup> not being under consideration, nothing was transacted, but without any Doubt he will be consider'd upon his Address The place you hint at, of being granted into a Township, I apprehend is not at present tho't of, by any Prop<sup>r</sup> to be disposed off, & has a particular mark upon y<sup>e</sup> Plan—The prop<sup>rs</sup> are desirous of seeing you in whose behalf this is from

Your Humb<sup>l</sup> Serv<sup>t</sup>

G Jaffrey j<sup>r</sup>

Copy of Letter to Coll<sup>o</sup> Blanchard

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[*Request of Ebenezer Flagg, 1749.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 8, p. 112.]

Port<sup>s</sup> Aug<sup>t</sup> 10, 1749.

To the Honb<sup>le</sup> Theod<sup>r</sup> Akinson Esq<sup>r</sup> and Others Purchasers of Masons Right: According to Conversation y<sup>e</sup> last Evening I would, Motion That if Mr Wear And his Associates Upon due consideration refuse to Relinquish Hales Township That The Blank Names might be left Blank till we have Oportunity to consult Among Ourselves which in As Short Time As may be you Shall hear further: That The Farm of Three Hundred Acres belonging to Mr Humphrey Keyes lying Upon New Boston line might not be disposed of till further Application be made

Yo<sup>rs</sup>

Eben<sup>r</sup> Flagg



[*Petition of Hugh Montgomery.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 8, p. 126.]

To the Honourable the Gentlemen Purchasers of Cap<sup>t</sup> John Tufton Mason's Right of the waste lands within the Province of New Hampshire

The Humble Supplication of Hugh Muntgomery of Londonderry within the Province of New Hampshire Humbly Shew.

That your Suplicant Purchas'd a Propriety Right or share of lands in the township Called Hale'stown about ten years aggo, and paid ffourty Pounds for the Same, and paid an Equall Proportion of the Severall Charges that become due upon S<sup>d</sup> Right by Building a meetinghouse Building Bridges & Clearing of high ways &<sup>c</sup> and about five or Six years aggo put one William Walker upon my home lott in S<sup>d</sup> town and Built one half of a Saw mill and Contin'd there till drove off by the war &c—

and in as much as I understand that your Honrs are about Granting the Said Township to Some Gentlemen of Both Provincess (viz) this & the neighbouring Province wo'd Humbly Request & Desire that I may be admitted as associate with them that so I may hold my Right in said town & not loose my money Intirely—and your Suplicant as in duty Bound Shall Ever Pray &c

Hugh mountgumroy

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[*Charter of Weare, 1749.*]

[Masonian Proprietors' Records, Sept. 20, 1749.]

Voted that there be and hereby is Granted unto Ichabod Robie Esq<sup>r</sup> Henry Robie Cap<sup>t</sup> Samuel Prescott Josiah Batcheldor Meshech Wear Esq<sup>r</sup> Joseph Prescott Jonathan Green Jun<sup>r</sup> Joseph Batcheldor Benjamin Hilliard Jacob Stanyan Jeremiah Pearson John Clifford Jonathan Swain Jonathan Gove John Gove Jun<sup>r</sup> John Brown Cap<sup>t</sup> Thomas Cram Enoch Barker Cap<sup>t</sup> Jethro Tilton Henry Thresher Reuben Sanborn Enoch Sanborn Ebenezer Sanborn Abner Sanborn Abner Sanborn jun<sup>r</sup> Enoch Gove Bradbury Green Walter Williams Thomas Boyd David Tilton Daniel Robie Jacob Brown Judith Quinby Widow Nathan Brown Richard Nason Abner Philbrick Jonath<sup>n</sup> Hillyard Jonathan Steward Samuel Prescott jun<sup>r</sup> Pain Rowe Caleb Bennet Samuel Robie Elisha Batcheldor John Loverin Caleb Sanborn Edward Gove Ebenezer Prescott Elisha Prescott Nathan Tilton

Theophilus Batchelder Benjamin Swett Jeremiah Bennett Timothy Blake jun<sup>r</sup> Simon Fogg Thomas Brown John Green Hezekiah Jenness Jonathan Fifield Samuel Lane John Robie Timothy Fuller James Prescott William Prescott Benjamin Bancroft John Gage Esq<sup>r</sup> James Lindall Ebenezer Flagg Joseph Messerve Joseph Jackson Peter Shores Richard Evans William Walker Col<sup>o</sup> Hale Joseph Hull George Hull Reuben Sanborn jun<sup>r</sup> Nathan Green Benjamin Lynde Esq<sup>r</sup> the Rev<sup>d</sup> John Chipman and Timothy Walker In Equal Shares On the Terms Conditions and Limitations herein after Expressed all that Tract of Land within the Province of New Hampshire Containing the Extent and Quantity of Six Miles Square Bounded as follows (Viz<sup>t</sup>) Begin<sup>ing</sup> at the North Westerly Corner of a Tract of Land lately Granted by said Proprietors to Archibald Stark and others thence Running South Eighty five Degrees West Six Miles thence South two Degrees East Six Miles thence North Eighty five Degrees East Six Miles thence North five Degrees West to the Corner first mentioned so as to make up the said Quantity of Six Miles Square and no more—

To have and to hold to them their Heirs and Assigns in Equal Shares on the following Terms Conditions and Limitations That is to Say That the whole Tract of Land within the said Boundaries (Saving what is herein after mentioned to be otherwise Improved) Be divided into One hundred Rights or Shares and each Share into two Distinct Lots One of which is to Contain One hundred Acres and the other all the rest of the Land belonging to each Respective Share That the two Lots which belong to one Share be Numbred with the same Number beginning with one and Ending with One hundred. That the said Land be so Laid Out within One year from the Granting thereof and then the Lots Drawn in the usual manner of Drawing for Lots of Land in such Cases. And that this be done under the care and Direction of the Grantors and that there be but One Draft for the two Lots belonging to each Share That One of the said Shares be for the first Minister of the Gospel who shall be Settled on the said Land and Continue there during his Life or until he shall be Regularly Dismiss'd to hold to him his Heirs and Assigns. And one other of the said Shares be for and towards the Support of the Gospel Ministry there forever. And the hundred Acre Lots belonging to these two Shares shall be laid out as near the Place where the Meeting house shall be built as may be Conveniently and not drawn as the other Lots. That there be Six Acres of Land left in some Convenient place within said Boundaries for Building a Meeting house and School house upon, and to Improve for a Training field a Burying place and any other Public use the Inhabitants there shall see cause



to make of the same. That one other of said Shares be for the use and Support of a School there forever. That Seventeen of the said Shares be and hereby are Reserved to the use of the said Proprietors the Grantors in these Presents their Heirs and Assigns. That the owners of the other Eighty Shares make a Regular Settlement there at their own Charge and Expence in the following manner (Viz<sup>t</sup>) That thirty family's be Settled upon said Tract of Land Each having an house Equal to Sixteen foot Square or more and three Acres of Land Cleared and fitted for Mowing or Tillage upon their Respective Lots within four years from the Granting hereof and ten Families more So Settled within two years from the same time. That a Meeting house for the Publick Worship of God be built within Six years and the Constant preaching of the Gospel Maintained there next after twelve years from the Granting of the said Land—

That there be twenty Acres of Land left in some Suitable place within said Boundaries for a privilege and Accommodation of a Saw Mill which shall be to and for him or them his or their Heirs or Assigns who will build such Mill within two years from the time aforesaid with the Privilege of the most Convenient Stream and place for that purpose And in Consideration thereof for the Benifit of the said Inhabitants the Owner or Owners of Such Mill shall saw the Logs and Timber of the other Inhabitants aforesaid or Settlers there to the halves for the term of ten years next after the said Mill shall first work if Desired so to do and if no particular person or persons of the said Owners of said Shares or Such other As the Major part of them shall Admit will undertake to Build such Mill on the said Terms then the said Owners shall do the same at their Common Expence and put the said Mill under such a Regulation as that they and others Inhabiting there may be Served with Boards and other Sawed Stuff on just and Reasonable Terms for Carrying an End the said Settlement—

That each Owner of the said Eighty Shares pay to Such person or persons as the Major part of them shall Determine and Chuse for that purpose all such Sum and Sums of money as the said Major part shall Determine to be necessary from time to time to Defray the Charges of laying out the said Lots and other matters and things herein Directed to be done & necessary to be at their Common Expence for making said Settlement That in laying out the said Lots Care be taken to Sort them in such a manner as to make the Shares as equal as possible That the Lots be laid in Ranges where the Land will Admit of it and Land left between the Ranges for Highways of four Rods Wide and between the Lots of two Rods Wide. That a plan of the whole when so laid out be made at the Charge of the said



Owners and Return'd to the Grantors as soon as may be Conveniently done. That the Remaining Seventeen Shares Reserved as aforesaid be Exonerated Acquitted and fully Exempted from paying any Charge towards making the said Settlement and not held to the Conditions of the Eighty Shares aforesaid or Liable to any Tax or Assessment until Improved by the Respective Owners thereof

That all white pine Trees fit for Masting the Royal Navy be and hereby are Reserved and Granted to his Majesty his Heirs and Successors forever for that purpose—

That in Case the Grantees shall fail Neglect and Omit to Settle Forty families upon the said Tract of Land in manner aforesaid and within the term aforesaid and to do and perform The Several matters and things herein before mentioned by them to be done the said Grantees shall forfeit their Right to any and every Part of the said Granted premises and the said Grantors may Lawfully Enter into and upon the same or any part thereof in the name of the whole or any person or persons for them and in their Name Stead and behalf and be thereof Seized again as tho' this Grant had not been made provided Nevertheless that those particular persons of the said Grantees who shall have performed his or their part according to the true Intent and meaning of these presents as above shall have hold and Enjoy to him his Heirs and Assigns his or their particular Shares aforesaid. And in Case the said Owners of the Eighty Shares shall within the term aforesaid make Finish & Compleat the Settlement of Forty Families as aforesaid and shall do & perform all the Several Articles matters and things by them to be done as aforesaid Every particular person of the said Owners who shall be Delinquent and neglect to do and perform his Respective Share part and proportion of the Duty business matters and things aforesaid by him to be done according to the true Intent and meaning of these presents Such Delinquent Owner shall forfeit his Share and Right to the said Tract of Land any and every part thereof to Such of the said Owners who shall have done and perform'd as aforesaid and they may have hold and Enjoy the same to them their heirs and Assigns and Are hereby Entitled to the Grantors Right thereto and may Enter into and upon the same and take full Seizin thereof to their own use as fully and Amply as the Grantors themselves might lawfully do as aforesaid. Provided always that in Case of an Indian War within any of the Terms of Years above Limited for the doing any of the matters and things aforesaid by the said Owners to be done the same Number of Years Respectively shall be Allowed after that Impediment shall be Removed—

And in Case any Action or Suit shall be brot against the said



Grantees for the said Tract of Land or any part thereof the said Grantees are hereby Obligated to Vouch the said Grantors or Such of the said Grantees as shall be so Sued shall so do and the said Grantors hereby promise and Ingage they their Heirs Executors Administrators or Assigns shall and will at their Own Cost and Expence Defend One Action or Suit upon One Title and Pursue the same to final Judgment through the whole Course of the Law (if there shall be Occasion) And in Case the final Judgment in such Trial shall be against the said Grantors, the Grantees shall Recover nothing over in Satisfaction of and from the said Grantors their Executors or Administrators or any of them—

[*Draft of Lots in Weare.*]

[Masonian Proprietors' Records, Vol. 6, p. 231, and Vol. 7, p. 65.]

The Draft of the Lots of Town granted to Ichabod Roby Esq<sup>r</sup> & others—

|   | N <sup>o</sup> of the Lots |  | N <sup>o</sup> of the Lots |
|---|----------------------------|--|----------------------------|
| Josiah Bachelder . . .                            | 15                         | L <sup>t</sup> Joseph Bachelder . . .          | 34                         |
| John Brown . . .                                  | 41                         | Enoch Barker . . .                             | 26                         |
| Thomas Boyd . . .                                 | 14                         | Jacob Brown . . .                              | 43                         |
| Nathan Brown . . .                                | 47                         | Caleb Bennet . . .                             | 87                         |
| Elisha Bachelder . . .                            | 45                         | Theophilus Bachelder . . .                     | 82                         |
| Jeremiah Bennet . . .                             | 24                         | Timothy Blake Jun <sup>r</sup> . . .           | 70                         |
| Thomas Brown . . .                                | 6                          | Benj <sup>a</sup> Bancroft . . .               | 59                         |
| John Clifford . . .                               | 33                         | Cap <sup>t</sup> Thomas Cram . . .             | 84                         |
| Rev <sup>d</sup> John Chipman . . .               | 69                         | Richard Evans . . .                            | 37                         |
| Simon Fogg . . .                                  | 97                         | Jon <sup>a</sup> Fifield . . .                 | 39                         |
| Timothy Fuller . . .                              | 81                         | Ebenezer Flagg . . .                           | 11                         |
| Jonathan Green Jun <sup>r</sup> . . .             | 50                         | Jonathan Gove . . .                            | 5                          |
| John Gove jun <sup>r</sup> . . .                  | 42                         | Enoch Gove . . .                               | 2                          |
| Bradbury Green . . .                              | 22                         | Edward Gove . . .                              | 95                         |
| John Green . . .                                  | 55                         | John Gage Esq <sup>r</sup> . . .               | 35                         |
| Nathan Green . . .                                | 62                         | Benj <sup>a</sup> Hilyard . . .                | 12                         |
| Jonathan Hilyard . . .                            | 100                        | Col <sup>o</sup> Hale . . .                    | 20                         |
| Joseph Hull . . .                                 | 28                         | George Hull . . .                              | 27                         |
| Hezekiah Jenness . . .                            | 52                         | Joseph Jackson . . .                           | 4                          |
| John Loverin . . .                                | 93                         | Samuel Lane . . .                              | 88                         |
| James Lyndall Esq <sup>r</sup> . . .              | 56                         | Benj <sup>a</sup> Lynde Esq <sup>r</sup> . . . | 77                         |
| Joseph Meserve . . .                              | 83                         | Richard Nason . . .                            | 58                         |
| Cap <sup>t</sup> Sam <sup>l</sup> Prescottt . . . | 75                         | Joseph Prescottt . . .                         | 89                         |
| Jeremiah Pearson . . .                            | 7                          | Abner Philbrick . . .                          | 36                         |
| Samuel Prescottt Jun <sup>r</sup> . . .           | 60                         | Ebenezer Prescottt . . .                       | 73                         |
| Elisha Prescottt . . .                            | 9                          | James Prescottt . . .                          | 17                         |

|   | N <sup>o</sup> of the Lots |  | N <sup>o</sup> of the Lots |
|---|----------------------------|--|----------------------------|
| William Prescott . . .  | 98                         | Judith Quinby . . .  | 99                         |
| Ichabod Robie Esq <sup>r</sup> . . .                              | 49                         | Henry Robie . . .  | 31                         |
| Daniel Robie . . .  | 44                         | Samuel Robie . . .   | 74                         |
| John Robie . . .  | 19                         | Pain Row . . .   | 38                         |
| Jacob Stanyan . . .   | 25                         | Jonathan Swain . . .   | 10                         |
| Reuben Sanborn . . .  | 68                         | Enoch Sanborn . . .  | 29                         |
| Ebenezer Sanborn . . .  | 40                         | Abner Sanborn . . .  | 18                         |
| Abner Sanborn jun <sup>r</sup> . . .                              | 94                         | Jonathan Steward . . .   | 48                         |
| Caleb Sanborn . . .   | 32                         | Benj <sup>a</sup> Swett . . .  | 30                         |
| Peter Shores . . .  | 67                         | Reuben Sandborn jun <sup>r</sup> . . .                                 | 72                         |
| Henry Thresher . . .  | 79                         | David Tilton . . .   | 86                         |
| Cap <sup>t</sup> Jethro Tilton . . .                              | 63                         | Meshech Weare Esq <sup>r</sup> . . .                                   | 91                         |
| Nathan Tilton . . .   | 76                         | Walter Williams . . .  | 80                         |
| William Walker . . .  | 78                         | Timothy Walker . . .   | 21                         |
| Theodore Atkinson Esq <sup>r</sup> . . .                          | 85                         | Jn <sup>o</sup> Thomlinson & John {                                    |                            |
| Law Lot N <sup>o</sup> 1 . . .                                    | 23                         | Tufton Mason } . . .   | 96                         |
| Jotham Odiorne Esq <sup>r</sup> . . .                             | 57                         | Joshua Peirce Esq <sup>r</sup> . . .                                   | 64                         |
| Thomas Packer Esq <sup>r</sup> . . .                              | 65                         | Sam <sup>l</sup> Solly & Cl <sup>t</sup> March Esq <sup>rs</sup> . . . | 90                         |
| Nath <sup>l</sup> Meserve Joseph } . . .                          |                            | Richard Wibird Esq <sup>r</sup> . . .                                  | 92                         |
| Blanchard, Joseph } . . .   | 61                         | Thomas Wallingford Esq <sup>r</sup> . . .                              | 51                         |
| Green & Paul March } . . .  |                            | Mark H <sup>s</sup> Wentworth . . .                                    | 13                         |
| Moore & D <sup>l</sup> Peirce . . .                               | 53                         | George Jaffrey . . .   | 71                         |
| Mark H <sup>s</sup> Wentworth . . .                               | 46                         | John Moffatt Esq <sup>r</sup> . . .                                    | 3                          |
| Jn <sup>o</sup> Wentworth jun <sup>r</sup> Esq <sup>r</sup> . . . | 66                         |  |                            |

Province of } Portsm<sup>o</sup> Voted That this Draft of the Lots of Land  
 New Hamp<sup>r</sup> } in the Tract of Land Granted to Ichabod Robie Esq<sup>r</sup>  
 Henry Robie & others, be & hereby is ratified & confirmed & that  
 each Lot be held to the Respective Person to whose Name it is affixed,  
 & to his Heirs & Assigns in Severalty on the Terms first Granted  
 & that the Division as made by the Grantees, & numbered in the  
 Plan thereof by them returned, be confirmed——

Geo: Jaffrey Prop<sup>rs</sup> Cle<sup>r</sup>

a true Copy the Record of the Draft of the Lotts in the Town of  
 Weare——

attest Geo: Jaffrey Prop<sup>rs</sup> Cl:

[*Ebenezer Flagg to Theodore Atkinson, 1752.*]

[*Masonian Papers, Vol. 8, p. 113.*]

Chester Feb<sup>y</sup> 10 1752

S<sup>r</sup> I hope You remem<sup>br</sup> that when I was at Portsmouth at a Meet-  
 ing of the Propriators of Mason<sup>s</sup> Right: I mentioned a Farm which

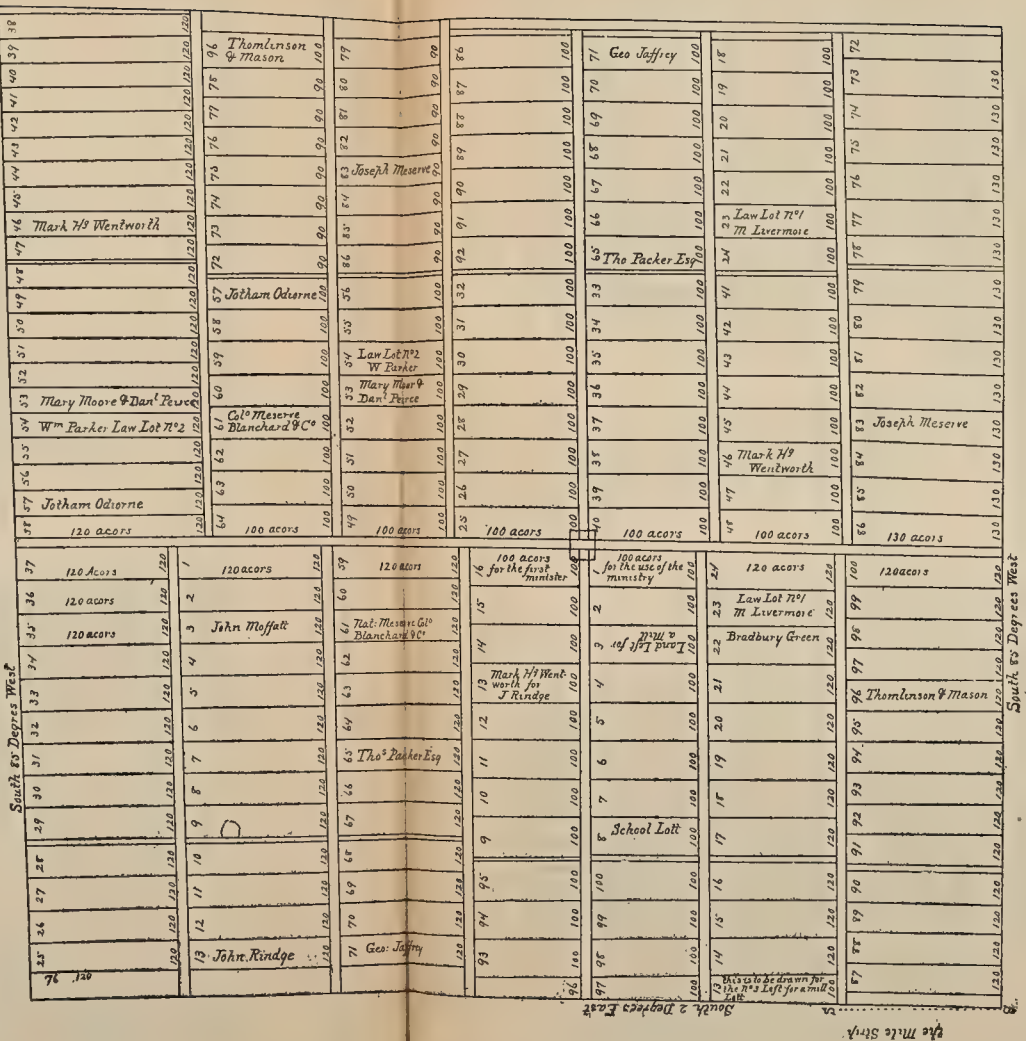








[Plan of Weare.]



This Plan Discribeth a township of Land Laid out to Judge Mesick Weare and others and is Laid Down on a Scale of one Hundred Patch to An Inch for the Lots and the High ways twenty Patch to an Inch and all the Lines of the Lots run paralal with the Lines of the town Laid out and Pland By

Joseph Baker Surveyor

A Plan of A Tract of Land Granted to Ichabod Roby Esqr Henry Robey & others (of whom the above named Meshect Weare is one) by the Proprietors of the Land Purchased of John Tuffion Mason Esqr as Said Division has been made by the Grantees to be Returnd to the Grantors in order to the Drawing of the Lots agreeable to the Vote by which it was Granted

Saml Prescut  
Richard Wason  
Petir Row } Committee for  
Laying out said  
tract of Land





lay in Hales Town of Three Hundred Acres Upon which M<sup>r</sup> Humphrey Keyes (A Brother of my Wives') Lived for four or five Years before the War: and That drove him off: and when I was with You I could Ask nothing but that it might not be given to Any Body Else till I had Seen him: who lives at Charlston: I have been to Boston Several times Since Yet I never could See him he being at Sea till about Three weeks Since: And now in his name And my own I Ask the favour of Yoursf And Society that You would give Your Right to *Us Equally* the one half being *mine*: So that as we have Improved it before the war And Since till Now: having Your right We may peaceably possess & Enjoy it hereafter. S<sup>r</sup> I Must Intreat You would lay it before Your Society (As I well remember): And I hope You have not forgot that You Encouraged me in it when I was with You in that You advised me to proceed in Improvement: So I relie upon Your goodness & company to Serve You<sup>r</sup> humble And Obedient Ser<sup>t</sup>

Ebene<sup>r</sup> Flagg

P S S<sup>r</sup> If there be any Occasion of my being present I will Endeavour to wait upon You At Any of Your Meetings if You will be So kind as to Enform me when

Yo<sup>rs</sup> to Serve

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[*Petition of Clements and McHard, 1757.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 8, p. 114.]

To the Hon<sup>ble</sup> Theodore Atkinson Esq & others Purchasers & Proprietors of Masons Right in the Province of New Hampshire

Gent<sup>n</sup> We the Subscribers beg Leave to represent to you that there is a Small Gore of Land Lying Westward of & bounding upon Starks Town (so Called) & Between Hales Town & N<sup>o</sup> 5 & N<sup>o</sup> 6 which we are Desirous of Setling & Improving if we Can obtain it of you by Grant or Purchase or on such Terms as shall be Thought reasonable & if you'l please to Take our Proposals under Considerations at your Next meeting & give us Notice when & where we Shall Treat with you further upon the Matter we Shall Esteem it Favour Done

Your Humb<sup>le</sup> Sev<sup>ts</sup>

Timothy Clements  
James M<sup>c</sup>Hard

[Endorsed] Rec<sup>d</sup> June 1<sup>st</sup> 1757—

[*Committee to Caleb Page, 1758.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 8, p. 115.]

Portsm<sup>o</sup> July 29<sup>th</sup> 1758

Cap<sup>t</sup> Caleb Page

The Proprietors of Masons Right in this Province having appointed us to dispose of a Tract of land which is Situate Southerly on the northerly line of Hale's Town extending y<sup>e</sup> whole length of said line and making an Angle on y<sup>e</sup> Southerly line of N<sup>o</sup> 6 at y<sup>e</sup> north west Corner of Hales Town, and from Said Angle running eastwardly partly on the southrly line of N<sup>o</sup> 6 and continues on y<sup>e</sup> Southerly line of N<sup>o</sup> 5 or new Hopkington till it come's to y<sup>e</sup> north west Corner of Stark's Town and then Southerly to y<sup>e</sup> north east Corner of Hales Town—The Contents of Said Tract we are to have Surveyed and measured and a regular Plan thereof returned to Said Proprietors and we are informed you undertake Such Buisness and as you reside near y<sup>e</sup> Spot we desire you will Survey and plan y<sup>e</sup> said Tract having Suitable Chainmen for that purpose and make a Return of y<sup>e</sup> Plan as soon as you can Conveniently and we will See you Satisfyed for your Service therein and you will oblige y<sup>r</sup> Hum: Serv<sup>ts</sup>

D Peirce  
John Moffat  
Geo: Jaffrey

[*Petition of Samuel Fisk, 1759.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 8, p. 116.]

Salem, Oct<sup>r</sup> 16. 1759.

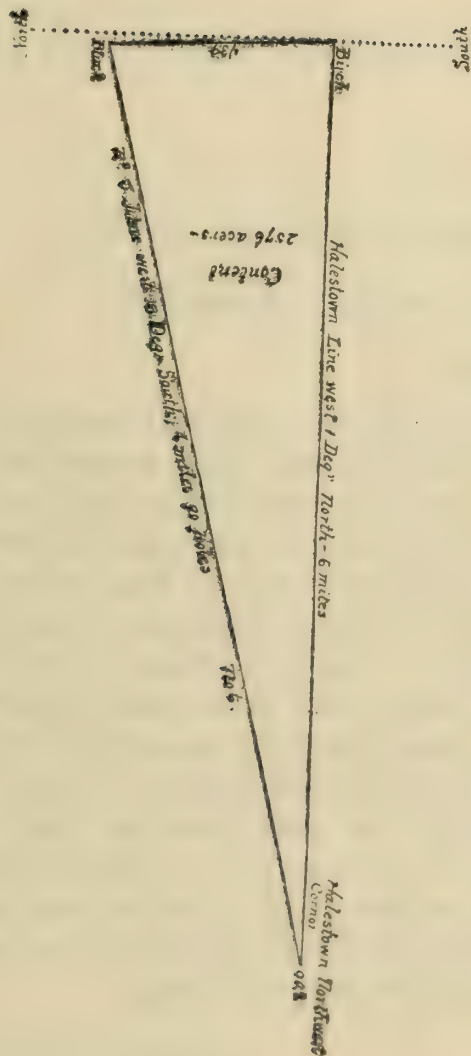
Honoured Sir.

After Proper Compliments, to Your Honour This Begg a Favour of You, as a Purchaser of *Mr Masons* Patent; That you will Please To Lay before The Gentlemen your Copartners, My Case, which Follows, viz<sup>t</sup>

I the Subscriber Purchased an Original Right In A Township, Granted By This Province to a Number of Petitioners &c anon Called Hales-Town I Fullfilled the Terms Appointed till Sicknese & Warrs Ceased further Labours. My Lott Fell in that Part Of the Township, which, the *Mason* Setlers Left out of their Township: and which Col<sup>l</sup> Blanchard Told me was Left for Col<sup>l</sup> Hale. Col<sup>l</sup> Blanchard Undertook to obtain My Lott of You Gentlemen He Dyed, having (as I Suppose) done nothing. I now Therefore by M<sup>r</sup> Mitchel, Convey my



[Land between Weare and Hopkinton, 1758.]



acording to the desire of the honourbl Commitee I have bin & have taken a Sirvay of the Gore of Land between hales town and hopkin town as hales town Northeast Corner bound was Shown me by Mr timothy Clemont and have Discribed it by the above plan it is midlen good Land So far as I have Seen it but I am Informed that thare is a pond of a Considerable bigness that is in the Gore but I naver See it but am Informed by Isaac Chandler and John pudney which tells me thay have Seen it and Sayeth that thay think it may Contain near aboute three hundred acers with the bog that is by it this plan was taken by Mesering from the norwest Corner bounds of Starks town 439 Rods upon Starks town line till we Came to the bounds of hales town and then planed upon hales town north Line and hopkinton Line I have done it according to the best of my skill & judgmen by the Information that I have had Starks town September ye 4 : 1758





Request, to You Praying Your allowance of my Right; being willing to Comply with Such Dutys, & Allowances, as your Honours Shall Judge Proper, as are others My Neibours. I waited On Col<sup>l</sup> Hale, but finding him not Inclined to Act, I Tho't it Proper to Apply to You Gentlemen as above

Be Pleased, Sir, to Give your Self the *Unmerited* Trouble, of Sending a Line, To Your Honours

Sincere & Obediant Servant

Sam<sup>l</sup> Fisk

N B. My Age I hope will Sir, Excuse this Scrol.

S. F.

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[*George Jaffrey to Robert Fletcher, 1759.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 8, p. 117.]

Portsmouth October 22<sup>d</sup> 1759—

S<sup>r</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Packer informs the Proprietors of the lands Purchas'd of John Tufton Mason Esq<sup>r</sup> that he had conferred with you about laying out and planning a tract land between Hales Town and New Boston for said Proprietors who desire you will proceed on the buisness as soon as may be, and divide the whole Tract between Hales Town, as granted by said proprietors, and New Boston, to be equally divided into Quantity & Quality as near as may be into fifteen equal shares & return a Plan of the same, You must be very carefull that no Gore or space be left Between the two tracts mentioned, and let mountains, rocks and Ponds be particularly described in your plan & if the Quality of the land is such, that an equal division cannot be made in fifteen equal Lotts for Quantity & Quality, then do it, into thirty Lotts to be coupled so as to render an equal division of the whole into fifteen shares—In behalf of the Proprietors

I am S<sup>r</sup> your most hum<sup>le</sup> Serv<sup>t</sup>

Geo : Jaffrey

To M<sup>r</sup> Robert Fletcher

## [Plan of Gore, 1759.]



the Numbers of the lotts  
to Each Share

|                           |   |   |   |   |   |   |     |    |
|---------------------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|-----|----|
| M. H. W.                  | . | . | . | . | . | . | 1.  | 9  |
| J. P.                     | . | . | . | . | . | . | 2.  | 11 |
| T. A.                     | . | . | . | . | . | . | 3.  | 26 |
| R. W.                     | . | . | . | . | . | . | 4.  | 5  |
| G J                       | . | . | . | . | . | . | 13. | 24 |
| J. R.                     | . | . | . | . | . | . | 16. | 25 |
| T. W.                     | . | . | . | . | . | . | 10. | 17 |
| P. & M.                   | . | . | . | . | . | . | 8.  | 18 |
| T. P.                     | . | . | . | . | . | . | 7.  | 6  |
| T. & M.                   | . | . | . | . | . | . | 19. | 15 |
| J. O.                     | . | . | . | . | . | . | 20. | 12 |
| S. & M.                   | . | . | . | . | . | . | 21. | 14 |
| J. W.                     | . | . | . | . | . | . | 22. | 23 |
| J. M.                     | . | . | . | . | . | . | 27. | 30 |
| Meserve & Co <sup>y</sup> | . | . | . | . | . | . | 28. | 29 |

Pursuant to the Request of the Proprietors of the Lands Purchased of John Tuffton Mason Esq<sup>r</sup> I Have Laid Out Into Thirty Lotts as Described in this Plan all the Lands Between the Royal Society land so Call<sup>d</sup> & Hales Town Goffes Town & New Boston. Have Coupled them as by the above Numbers so as to Make Fifteen Equall Shares Quantity and Quallity as Near as May be—herewith Laid in a Scale of 200 Poles to an Inch the Lines Fathfully Marked and Corners Well Made

Portsmouth Nov<sup>r</sup> y<sup>e</sup> 21<sup>st</sup> 1759—

Robert Fletcher Surv<sup>r</sup>



[*Cost of Surveying Gore.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 8, p. 118.]

To Divide the Tract of Land Between New Boston and Weares Town Being Six Miles Long and One Mile in Width Into 15 Equal Shares Quntity and Quality to Mark the Lines Faithfully & Return a Plan &c will Cost about .30. Dollars or Old Tenor Equl to that Sum

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[*Letter from Enoch Bartlett, 1761.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 8, p. 119.]

Feb<sup>ry</sup> 16<sup>th</sup> 1761—

To Dan<sup>l</sup> Pierce Esq<sup>r</sup> and Others Grantees to Tuften Mason Esq<sup>r</sup>

Gentlemen—you Some Years ago, Granted to James M<sup>c</sup>Hard Esq<sup>r</sup> And Tim<sup>o</sup> Clement a Tract of Land of which the Title has been Suspected—I being Attorney to S<sup>d</sup> Clement and at the Request of S<sup>d</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Hard have In Some Measure Examined the affair, And am fully of opinion that you had good right to Sell or grant Such a Quantity of Land Between Robies Town (So Called) and the line of Towns—For in A D: 1748 you Granted the Town to Col Goff and others with it's west line of five Miles and Starks Town (So Called) Adjoining on it's North line with it's West line of 5 Miles & 180 Rods—in the whole 10 Miles & 180 Rods—I have Sent up Men and Made An Admeasure<sup>t</sup> from Souhegan North West Corner—And find that on the Course of s<sup>d</sup> Towns West line which is North Two Deg: West it is Eleven Miles And 199 Rods to the line of Towns—by which it appears that Starks Town North west Corner A D: 1749 when Robies or Wiers town was Granted, was one Mile & 19 Rods to the Southward of the line of Towns—Robies Town was to begin at Starks Town N: W: Corner and Run South 85 Deg West and thence Southerly which cannot make them Contiguous to the line of Towns but leaves as much land as You Granted us if Not in the like form as <sup>g</sup> Grant—The Alteration And Settlem<sup>t</sup> Made A D: 1752 (of which You May be Inform<sup>d</sup> by Col: Goff) will Not alter the N: line of Robies Town—and tho you then Consented that Goffs Town Should Extend half a Mile or More further Northward—And that Starks Town on their forfeiture And Surrender Should have their full Measure 5 Miles & 180 Rods to the Northward of Goffs Town as then bounded it Cannot Enlarge or Alter the Grant Made three years before—I Desire that the Quantity of land between Robies Town

and line of Towns may be ascertain<sup>d</sup> and I Stand Ready on the part of my Constituent to pay what shall be due let the land be more or Less—I Employ<sup>d</sup> Men toe Measure S<sup>d</sup> line who Certify Under their Hands that they Measured it Impartially as they will Evidence on Oath—I Don't Expect You<sup>l</sup> act Much on the affair from My Relation without further Enquiry—And Doubt Not but you<sup>l</sup> find it to your Advantage—

I Desire Gentlemen You<sup>l</sup> take the affair Under Considerat<sup>n</sup> and doubt not of finding more lands than You Granted Us—and Also desire the favour of you (after being Met together) that You<sup>l</sup> leave Your Resolve thereon with Dan<sup>l</sup> Peirce Esq<sup>r</sup> that from him we May know how to proceed—and if you think it Needful I by myself or together with M<sup>r</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Hard will wait on you when Met

All fm Y<sup>r</sup> Most Humb<sup>l</sup> Serv<sup>t</sup>

Enoch Bartlett

N B My Constituent has been at great charges Considering his Abillity and cannot give it up without hurting his family or having Something Equivolent

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[*Proposition from Enoch Bartlett, 1764.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 8, p. 120.]

Portsmouth Nov<sup>r</sup> 16<sup>th</sup> 1764

To the Honourable Theodor Atkinson Esq<sup>r</sup> And others Grantees of Tufton Mason Esq<sup>r</sup>

Whereas You in September 1758 made Your Grant of Land by Estimation 2500 Acres, To James M<sup>c</sup>Hard Esq<sup>r</sup> And Tim<sup>o</sup> Clement adjoyning Starks Town which appears to be Lands laid out by the Proprietors of Robies Town (So Called)—And Said Clement after a Considerable Charge is Sued in an action now depending As a Trespasser on Said Lands

It Appearing that there was a Mistake or Error Somewhere in the affair Suppos'd to Arise from missinformation, and the matter to be Determined in the Action is whether the Proprietors of Robies Town had any right by Grant to those Lands—It is objected that their grant was made in September 1749 and to be begin for laying out at the North west Corner of Starks Town when Starks town was by Grant only without other Confirmation Extended but 10 Miles and 180 rods North 2 Deg West from the N. West Corner of Souhegan East And therefore could Not reach the Line of Towns, which Appears by



a late Admeasurment<sup>t</sup> to be 11 miles & 199 rods on Said Course from Souhegan East—from which it is Said there is more then to the Quantity of 2500 acres between Robies Town and the Line of Towns and it is also Said that Starks Town was Extended to the Line of Towns by Said Grantees Accepting their Plan in December 1749 by its being inserted therein that it adjoyn'd the Line of Towns—

But as those Lands have been Considered as part of Said Robies Town and the Dispute is Aresen from a Mistake And will be Costly—It having been propos<sup>d</sup> that Said grantees, grant to S<sup>d</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Hard And Clement other Lands in Some Measure Equivalent to 2500 Acres there on their Releasing those lands—I therefore the Subscriber having full power to Agree And release in behalf of Said Clement Do hereby Certify that I am Ready to Accept An Equivalent in lands Else where with a Discharge of Said Action on Said Clements part (and Doubt Not but S<sup>d</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Hard will also on his) And will give Any Proper Release of S<sup>d</sup> Grant and Lands on the making a Grant of Said Equivalent Lands or Any Resolve or agreement that it Shall be made—

[In handwriting of Enoch Bartlett. Ed.]

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[*Letter from Enoch Bartlett, 1764.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 8, p. 121.]

Haverhill Nov<sup>r</sup> 21<sup>st</sup> 1764

To the Honourable Theodore Atkinson Esq<sup>r</sup>

S<sup>r</sup> I last week gave You Some proposals with respect to Tim<sup>o</sup> Clements affair, and it was Agreed that I with M<sup>r</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Hard Should be at Portsmouth on Monday Next, but As he is oblig'd to be there this week, I write to you by him And perhaps the affair May be Setled in Some Measure without our attending Next week, if you (the Grantees) Agree with M<sup>r</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Hard as I propos<sup>d</sup> or otherwise I think the Action Against Clement May Stand Continued till we can fully Settle the affair, it will take up Some time to Settle with respect to the Equivalent lands however I Shall Abide My Writtne proposals if M<sup>r</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Hard will come into the like, or perhaps I may take up Clements Bond for Money without paying it And take a piece of land you may be willing to grant him for his Charges Trouble And Disappointments if it is yet Necessary

I Shall Attend Next week as agreed but I Expect to know by M<sup>r</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Hard whether it will be Expected or not

All f<sup>m</sup> Y<sup>r</sup> Most Humb<sup>l</sup> Serv<sup>t</sup>

Enoch Bartlett

℥ fav<sup>r</sup> of James M<sup>c</sup>Hard Esq<sup>r</sup>

[*Two Letters from Enoch Bartlett, 1767.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 8, p. 122.]

To the Hon<sup>bl</sup> Theodore Esq<sup>r</sup> Atkinson And others Grantees of Jn<sup>•</sup> Tufton Mason Esq<sup>r</sup>—

Enoch Bartlet of Haverhill Humbly Prays That you<sup>l</sup> Appoint Some persons with whom he may treat respecting his Surrender of Lands claim<sup>d</sup> by the Proprietors of Robies Town So Called and for discharging the Bond Given on Acco<sup>tt</sup> of those Lands—And respecting the Sale of other Lands to him Such as he may particularly Apply, to them about or for And You<sup>l</sup> oblige

Y<sup>r</sup> Humb<sup>l</sup> Serv<sup>t</sup>

Haver<sup>l</sup> Apr<sup>l</sup> 17: 1767

Enoch Bartlet

Apr<sup>l</sup> 17: 1767

S<sup>r</sup> It is more then Six Months Since I was in a Capacity to Surrender the Lands in Robies Town, but could Never hear when Your Meetings would be—I therefore now desire that a Com<sup>tee</sup> may be appointed in Order to Settle the affair—I find that Esq<sup>r</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Hard has obtain'd a Grant or Deed of the Southerly part of the lands in Hopkinton but yet hope from Information by Cap<sup>t</sup> Badger to find Lands of which I may make An Agreeable purchase—

It being So Difficult for me to know of your Meetings And to Attend them—

I desire the favour of your Hon<sup>r</sup> to present My request in the Next Meeting that I may know with whom to treat in order to Close the affair

f<sup>m</sup> Y<sup>r</sup> most Humb<sup>l</sup> Serv<sup>t</sup>

Enoch Bartlet

To the Hon<sup>bl</sup> Theodore Atkinson Esq<sup>r</sup> at Portsm<sup>o</sup>—

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[*Bartlett's Request Repeated, 1769.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 8, p. 123.]

April 26: 1769

To the Hon<sup>bl</sup> Theodore Atkinson Esq<sup>r</sup> And Others Grantees to Jn<sup>o</sup> Tufton Mason Esq<sup>r</sup> when met together

Enoch Bartlet of Haverhill Humbly prays that you<sup>l</sup> Appoint Some persons As a Com<sup>tee</sup> with whom he may treat respecting his Surrender of Lands that are claimed by the Proprietors of Robies Town So



Called and for discharging the Bond Given on the Account of those Lands—And respecting the Sale of other lands to him Such As he may apply to them for—And You<sup>l</sup> oblige

Y<sup>r</sup> Humb<sup>l</sup> Serv<sup>t</sup>

Enoch Bartlet

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[*Again in 1771.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 8, p. 124.]

To the Grantees of Jn<sup>o</sup> Tuften Mason Esq<sup>r</sup> now met together

Enoch Bartlet of Haverhill Humbly Prays that you will Appoint Some persons As a Com<sup>tee</sup> with whom he May treat Respecting his Surrender of Lands in Robies Town So Called and respecting the Sale of other Lands that may be in Some Measure Equivalent to those in Robies Town—

And you<sup>l</sup> Oblige Y<sup>r</sup> Humb<sup>l</sup> Serv<sup>t</sup>

Enoch Bartlet

N B The Com<sup>tee</sup> Appointed Some Years ago, by reason of Death or Removal could not Act on the affair

Portsm<sup>o</sup> Oct 2<sup>d</sup> 1771—

[Endorsed] Sum for Tract of land Sold m<sup>c</sup>hard &c £575 New Tenn<sup>r</sup>

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[*Report of Committee on Bartlett's Claim, 1773.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 8, p. 125.]

We the Subscribers, being a Committee of the Proprietors of Masons Patent at the desire of Enoch Bartlett Esq<sup>r</sup> have met & fully heard him respecting his Claim, as Attorney to Timothy Clements, After Maturely Considering the Matter, are fully of Opinion, that said Bartlett has no just demand on the Propriety, on acco<sup>t</sup> of said Clements, he the s<sup>d</sup> Clements having deceiv'd the Proprietors, in order to obtain a grant of Land, & never paid any Consideration for the same. But we recommend to the consideration of the Proprietors whether they will Grant a Tract of Land to M<sup>r</sup> Bartlett on such terms as they may agree—

Portsmouth 19<sup>th</sup> Aug<sup>t</sup> 1773

Dan<sup>l</sup> Peirce  
D<sup>l</sup> Rogers  
John Penhallow.  
W<sup>m</sup> Whipple

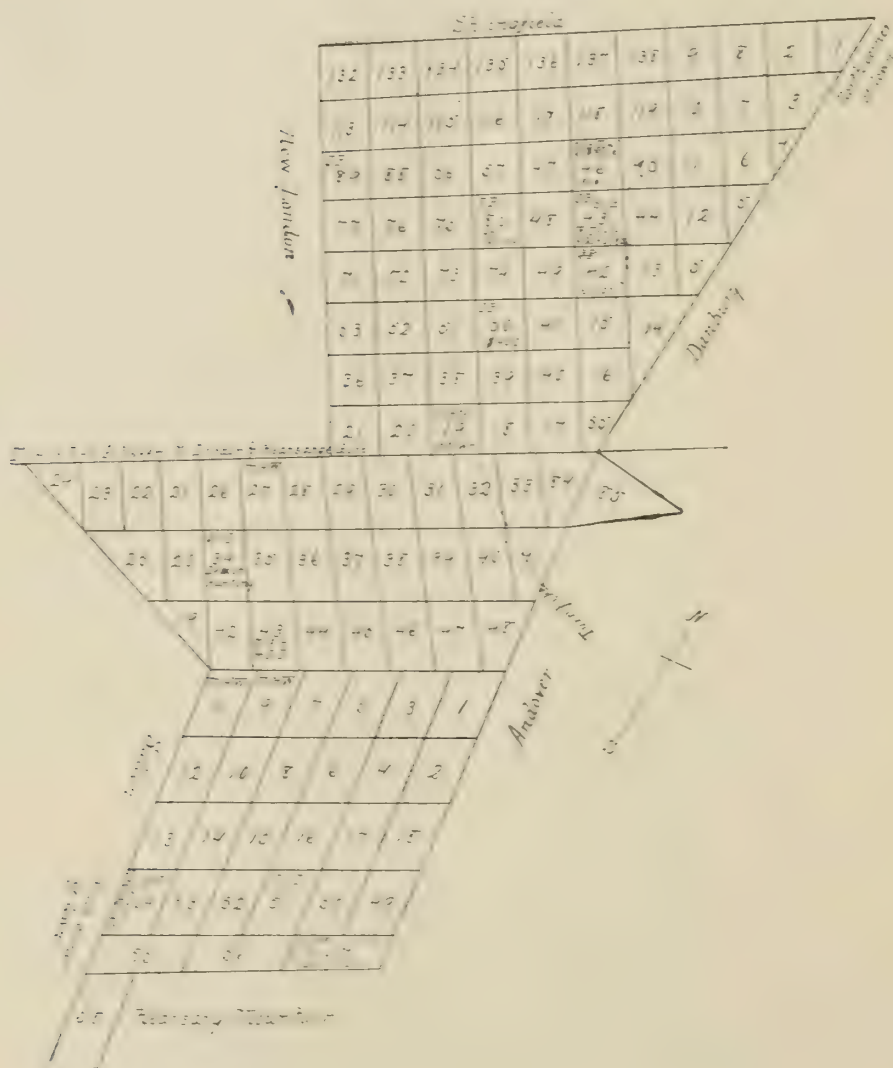
October 6<sup>th</sup> 1773 This Report of the Committee accepted  
att: Geo: Jaffrey Prop<sup>rs</sup> Cl

# WILMOT.

[This town was constituted from parts of New London and Kearsarge Gore, and incorporated June 18, 1807. A portion of Hill was annexed Dec. 21, 1832. A tract of land was severed and annexed to Danbury Dec. 19, 1848, and another July 26, 1878.

See papers under title New London: Index to Laws, 584; sketch, by W. W. Flanders, Hurd's History of Merrimack County. 1885, p. 695; Stewart's History of the Free Baptists, 1862, pp. 305, 375; Baptist Churches in N. H., by E. E. Cummings, 1836, p. 19; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, p. 417.]

## [Plan of Wilmot.]





Nov. 1, 1817

Mr Reuben Raymond applies for N° 43—150 Acres Wilmot formerly New London—Offered him it for \$500 provided he bring a recommendation from Deacon Hunting & Wait 2 ys for 1<sup>st</sup> pay<sup>t</sup>—he is immediately to see Deacon Hunting whe is to write Me—

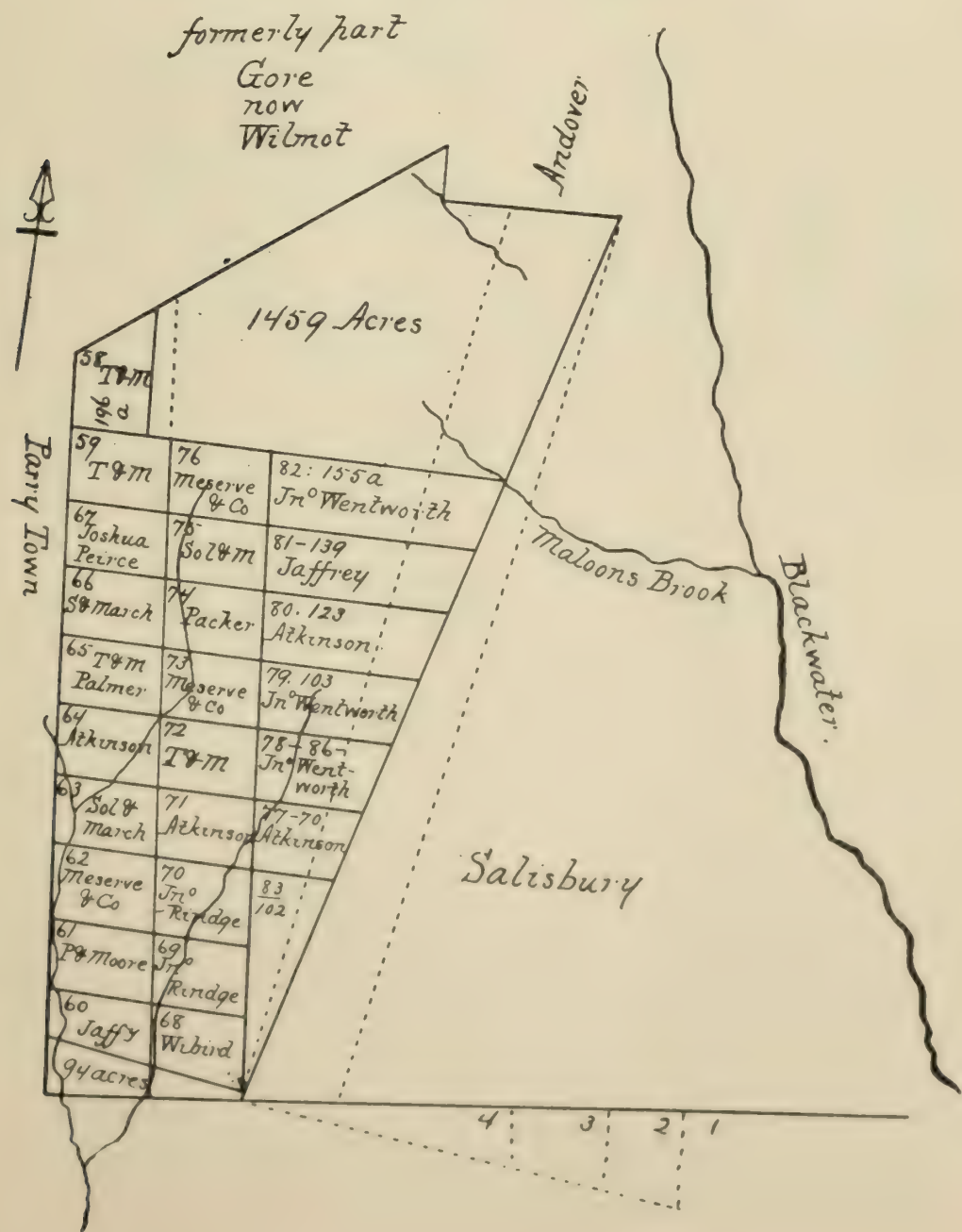
9 March 1818

David Everett applies for Lot N° 89 Wilmot formerly New London—Enquired its value of Dea Hunting—application made by John Phelps

John Phelps 15 Sep. 1815 is on Lot N° 54 & offers only \$100 for it—he and his predecessor have been on 11 y<sup>s</sup>—

Amos Foster of Warner wants N° 43, 150 acres Wilmot formerly New London

[Plan of Part of Gore.]







Moody 750  
 Dearborn 350  
 Buswell 250

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\$1350 for the whole Lot besides Cents which are Several hundred Dollars

(This is the Fowler & Wood Lot.)

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## WILTON.

[Granted as *Number 2*, by the Masonian Proprietors, Oct. 1, 1749, to Thomas Reed and others. Incorporated as Wilton June 25, 1762, to continue until Jan. 1, 1765. Reincorporated Jan. 2, 1765. A portion of Lyndeborough was annexed to Wilton by Joseph Blanchard, agent for the Masonian Proprietors.

See New Hampshire charters in preceding volumes; IX, Bouton Town Papers, 792; XIII, Hammond Town Papers, 676; Index to Laws, 585; Topographical and Historical Description, by Thomas Beede, 1, Farmer and Moore's Historical Collections, 65; Past and Present, 150th anniversary of settlement, 13, Granite Monthly, 252; same, pamphlet, 1889; History, by A. A. Livermore and S. Putnam, 1888, pp. 575; Memorial of Increase Sumner Lincoln, by J. C. Mitchell, 1890, pp. 25; address, dedication of town house, by I. S. Whitney, 1885; address, centennial celebration, by Ephraim Peabody, 1839; Baptist Churches in N. H., by E. E. Cummings, 1836, p. 16; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, p. 244; papers under title Groton, Old Grant, in Massachusetts charters preceding; sketch, by A. A. Livermore, Hurd's History of Hillsborough County, 1885, p. 695; Fall of the Wilton Meeting House, 1773, by N. Allen, 22, N. E. Hist. Gen. Register, 234; Materials for History of, by F. Kidder, 8, *id.*, 394; sketch, by J. B. Connor, Granite Monthly, vol. 5, p. 168, and vol. 6, p. 330.]

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[*Petition for Grant*, 1748.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 8, p. 127.]

Portsmouth November 2<sup>d</sup> 1748

To the Gentlemen Purchasers & Proprietors of Cap<sup>t</sup> John Tufton Mason's Right to Lands in y<sup>e</sup> Province of New Hampshire—

We the underwritten being appointed by the within Subscribers in their and our behalfe to make Application for a Tract of land for to settle a Township at first intended to be address'd to the Governour & Council of the Said Province but having Some intimation of your Right—we were directed to apply for our Request by y<sup>e</sup> within Petition, As therein Directed to y<sup>e</sup> Governour & Council, or otherwise to

you as we should think best for the Benefit of y<sup>e</sup> within named Petitioners—We therefore Make our Petition to you the Said Proprietors in behalfe of the within named Petitioners, that you would be so kind as to take under Consideration and grant the Request to your Petitioners of y<sup>e</sup> within mentioned Tract of Land; or if not that within described, where you can most conveniently for your Selves, and Your Petitioners, and upon Such Terms as we and you shall agree upon—Your favour herein will very much Oblige the Subscribers on the other Side in whose behalfe we are Gen<sup>tm</sup>

Your most Hum: Serv<sup>ts</sup>

Nicolas White  
Nathaniel Bartlet

To His Excellency Bening Wintworth Esq<sup>r</sup> Cap<sup>t</sup> Generall and Governor In Chief In and over His majesties Province of New Hampshire—

To the Honr<sup>d</sup> Councel In S<sup>d</sup> Province

May it Plee your Excellency & Honners It haveing been Practist to Grant tracts of Lands to Such Persons as Have dun servis In y<sup>e</sup> wors and In Hopes of obtaining the Like favour wee yoour Humble petitioners would Gest mention Sumthing wee Have dun Sum of us was Present at the taking Poortrial others at Capertoon others In Hopes of Doing Great Servis Inlisted against Canodi and others of us Have Sufferd greatly Not onely In y<sup>e</sup> Present but former wors yet so It Hath hapned No lands have been Given to us as yeat and being Greatly Stratned for want thereof & finding Sum Lands Not Laid out betwixt a place Cold Salem Canody & a Remote place Cold grotten if your Excellency & Honnours would be Pleas<sup>d</sup> to Grant us out of s<sup>d</sup> Lands a Nuf for a Small town Ship of Six or Eight miles Squeare, or So much as you in your Wisdum Shall think Best it would Greatly obldige your Humble petitioners—

Nicolas White  
Nathaniel Bartlet  
Cornelius Johnson  
Sam<sup>ll</sup> Heath Jun<sup>r</sup>  
Joshua Harriman  
Bartholemy Heath  
Moses Kimball  
Sam<sup>ll</sup> Smith  
Samuel Eatton  
Sam<sup>ll</sup> Heath  
Samuel Brown  
benjamin Davis

Jacob Chace  
Thomas Johnson  
Jacob Putnam  
Samuel Harriman  
Nehemiah heath  
John Bradley  
jonathan Whiticker  
Samuel Guild  
Joseph Hale  
Thomas Chaney  
Jonathan Bartlet  
John Heath

Joseph harriman  
Ruben Harriman  
Ephraim Emerson  
Ebenezer Noyes  
moses stevens  
Ebenezer White  
Theophilus Eaton  
moses Stevens juner  
Jonathan Smith  
moses heath  
Banjnam Petngall  
Jonathan Carleton



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|--------------------------|-------------------|----------------|
| Benjamin Clement         | William Ayer      | Salvanus Noice |
| Sam <sup>ll</sup> hadley | John Polard       | Moses Calton   |
| Nathaniel Cheney         | Jonathan Sergeant | Timothy dow    |
| John Kent                | Noahn white       | Peter Dow      |
| moses Bartlit            | James Cushen      | Jacob Woodward |
| Seth Johnson             | Moses Barrun      |                |

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[*Charter of Wilton, 1749.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 8, p. 128, and Proprietors' Records, Vol. 6, p. 74.]

Province of } Pursuant to the Power and Authority Granted and  
 New Hamp<sup>r</sup> } Vested in me by the Propri<sup>rs</sup> of Lands Purchased of  
 John Tuffton Mason Esq In the Province of New Hamp<sup>r</sup> by their  
 Vote passed at their meeting held at Portsm<sup>o</sup> In s<sup>d</sup> Province the 16<sup>th</sup>  
 Day of June—A D 1749

I Do by these Presents On the Terms and Conditions here After  
 Expressed give and Grant Unto Thomas Read Esq Rob<sup>t</sup> Fletcher Jun<sup>r</sup>  
 Joseph Blanchard Jun<sup>r</sup> Oliver Colburn Oliver Farwill John Usher  
 Tho<sup>s</sup> Spaulding John Lovewell Jun<sup>r</sup> Peter<sup>r</sup> Powers Humphry Hobbs  
 John Combs Joseph Blodget Samuel Fowle Jonah Swan Ezra Carpen-  
 ter Jon<sup>a</sup> Cumings Thomas Parker Jun<sup>r</sup> John Varnum William Foster  
 Mr Tho<sup>s</sup> Parker, Josi<sup>h</sup> Butterfield anthony Emery Benj<sup>a</sup> Parker Jun<sup>r</sup>  
 Nehem<sup>h</sup> Abbot Samuel Greele Benj<sup>a</sup> Farwell Oliver Whiting Joseph  
 Richardson Benj<sup>a</sup> Farley Samuel Cumings John Kendall, Abraham  
 Kendall David Addams Joseph French Eleazer Blanchard Zacheus  
 Lovewell Samuel Farley William Cumings Archelus Dale Jacob Put-  
 nam Jonathan Powers Nathan<sup>l</sup> Putnam John Dale Stephen Herryman  
 John Shead & Ephraim Putnam) all the Right title and Property of  
 the Grantors Afores<sup>d</sup> of in and to that Tract of Land or Township  
 Lying in the Province of New Hamp<sup>r</sup> Afores<sup>d</sup> Containing five miles  
 Sqare Lying on the Branches of Souhegan River Between Peters-  
 burrough and Monson Bounded as Followeth Begining at the South  
 West Corner of the Premises at a White pine tree Which is the North  
 West Corner of the Township N<sup>o</sup> 1. and runs from thence North five  
 Miles to a White ash tree Marked from thence East five miles to a  
 Stake and Stones from thence South five miles to a Chestnut tree  
 Marked from thence West five miles to the White Pine the first  
 Bounds Mentioned Which Said Township is Lay'd out and Drawn for  
 and the Lots Assertained to Each Grantee Respectively also two Lotts  
 for Encouragement for Building of mills and three Shares for Publick

Uses Viz<sup>t</sup> one for the first Settled minister one for the ministry and one for the School there for ever Which Said Shares and Lotts to be The Same as Drawn and Allready Entered in the Scheduele & Plan hereunto Anexed, unto them Respectively & to their Heirs and Assignes, To Have and to Hold on the following Terms Conditions & Limitations & on them Only (that is to Say) That a meeting house be Built on the Lott N<sup>o</sup> 11 In the fifth rang and that In the Southwest Corner of Said Lott there be Six acres of Land in a square form Reserved & appropriated for the Publick use of those who Do or Hereafter Shall Inhabit there in Said Township that the Remaining Lands not Entered to the Grantees In the Scheduele & Plan as afores<sup>d</sup> Specified on the Bounds of y<sup>e</sup> Township Afores<sup>d</sup> be and hereby are Reserved to and for the use of y<sup>e</sup> Grantors of the Premises their Heirs and assignes forever free and Clere from all Charges Tax or Incumberance of Settlement Untill their or any of their parts are Improved Respectively by them or Som Holding under them—that the afore Mentioned Grantees Exclusive of y<sup>e</sup> three Publick Lotts Shall Carry on and Make Settlement at their own Expence in the following maner Viz<sup>t</sup> that their be all Necessary High ways Lay'd out in Said Town Where they will be most Convenie<sup>t</sup> Without any pay or Allowance to those Grantors or Grantees thro Land that y<sup>e</sup> Same Shall go. That the Grantees Build a Convenient house for the Public Worship of God there & finish the Same at or Before the Last Day of November 1752 for the use of those Who Shall then or hereafter Inhabit There—that they the s<sup>d</sup> Grantees after five Years from the Date hereof Maintain Preaching there, that there be on Some one Lott of Each of Forty of S<sup>d</sup> Grantees Shares three acres of Land Clered Inclosed and Fitted so Far as is Profitable for mowing or tillage at or Before the Last day of Nov<sup>r</sup> 1751 & Each of the S<sup>d</sup> Lotts to be Clered As Aforesaid to be Settled by having a house Built of Sixteen feet Square at the Least & Seven feet Stud or more with a Chymney and Celler finished and fitted for Comfortable Dwelling therein at or Before the Last Day of may 1752 & Some Person or Family Inhabiting & residant in Said house & they or Some Others in Each of their Stead Continue Residency there Untill the Last Day of may 1755.—that the Owners of the said Forty Setling Shares have on Each of their Rights Respectively three Acres of Land more In Like manner fitted at or Before the Last Day of Nov<sup>r</sup> 1752 & the Like Quantity annually for two Yeares then Nex Cumming—that the Remaining five Rights or Shares of the Grantees afores<sup>d</sup> Viz<sup>t</sup> Olo<sup>r</sup> Farwell Benj<sup>a</sup> Farwell Jos Blanchard Eleaz<sup>r</sup> Blanchard & one Right of Rob<sup>t</sup> Fletcher Jun<sup>r</sup> Be Excused from the Duty of Building Improving Or Settling Untill the Last Day of Nov<sup>r</sup> 1755 & then to have the Whole Duty Performed as Others at that Time



That Each of the said Grantees at Executing this Instrum<sup>t</sup> Pay thirty Pounds Cash Old Ten<sup>r</sup> to Defray the Necessary Charges Arisen and Ariseing in Bring forward the settle<sup>t</sup> to be Deposited In the hands of Such Person as they the s<sup>d</sup> Grantees Shall Appoint Being a Freeholder & a Residant in this Province that the Afores<sup>d</sup> Grantees or their Assignes Assess Such Further Sums of money Equally in Proportion to their Right on the Right of Each Grantee Exclusive of the three Public Lotts as may be thought Necessary for Carrying on & Compleating any of the Public Matters in Makeing the Settle<sup>t</sup> afores<sup>d</sup> and on Failure of payment for the Space of three Months after Such tax or Assessm<sup>t</sup> is agreed upon & posted up at Such place or places as the Prop<sup>rs</sup> the Grantees Shall appoint to Give Notice for Calling Prop<sup>rs</sup> Meetings that so much of Such Delinquents Rights Respectively be Desposed of by a Com<sup>tee</sup> Choose by the Maj<sup>r</sup> Part of the Grantees for that Purpose as will pay the s<sup>d</sup> Tax and all Charges ariseing thereon—

and In Case any of the S<sup>d</sup> Grantees Shall Neglect or Refues to perform any of the articles aforementioned he Shall Forfeit his Share and Right In s<sup>d</sup> Township to those of the Grantees Who Shall not be Delinquent In the Performance of the Conditions Enjoyned & It Shall and may be Lawfull for them by their agent or agents Appoynted by the maj<sup>r</sup> Part of those not Delinquent for that purpose to Enter Into and upon the Right of Such Delinquent owners & him to amove oust and Expell for their Use their Heirs and Assignes Provided they Settle or Cause to be Settled Such Delinq<sup>s</sup> Right within the Term of one Year after the Period that is by this Indenture Stipulated to be Done as the Conditions of this Grant and fully Comply with y<sup>e</sup> whole Duty Such Delinq<sup>t</sup> ought to have Don within the Term of one Year from time to time after the Respective Periods thereof & in Case they omitt Complying as afores<sup>d</sup> in that term as afores<sup>d</sup> that all Such Delinq<sup>ts</sup> Right Shall Revert & belong to the Grantors their Heirs & Assignes free from the Incombrance of Settle<sup>t</sup> or Charge Allways Provided their Indien war within any of the Terms & Limitati<sup>ns</sup> afores<sup>d</sup> for Doing the Duty Conditioned in this Grant & In Case that Should Happen the Same time to be Allowed for the Respective matters afores<sup>d</sup> after Such Impedim<sup>t</sup> Shall be Removed

That all White Pine trees growing on s<sup>d</sup> tract of Land fit for masting his Majestys Royal Navy be and hereby are Granted to his Majestys Royal Nav[y] and Successors for ever—

Lastly the Said Grantors Do Hereby Promis to the said Grantees their Heirs and Assignes to Defend thro the Law to King & Council If Need be one Action that Shall or may be Brought against them or any Nomb<sup>r</sup> of them by any Person or Persons Whatsoever Claiming the Said Lands or any Part thereof by any Other Tittle than that of

the s<sup>d</sup> Grantors or that by which they hold and Derive theres from Provided they the S<sup>d</sup> Grantors are a Vouched In to Defend the Same & that on fineal Tryal the Sam Shall be Recovered Aganst the said Grntors, the Grantees Shall Recover Nothing over ag<sup>t</sup> the Grantors for the said Lands or Expençe In Bringing forward the Settlem<sup>t</sup> In Witness Whereof I the Subscriber Joseph Blanchard of Dunstable have hereunto Set my hand and Seal this first Day of October—1749

Coppy Exam<sup>d</sup> 

Joseph Blanchard [Ls]  
Joseph Blanchard Jun<sup>r</sup> Prop Clark

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[*Acceptance of Charter, 1752.*]


[Masonian Papers, Vol. 8, p. 129, and Proprietors' Records, Vol. 6, p. 82.]

Whereas Joseph Blanchard Esq In the Name & behalf of the Prop<sup>s</sup> of the Lands In the Province of New Hamp<sup>r</sup> Purchassed by them of Jn<sup>o</sup> Tuffton Mason Esq<sup>r</sup> Who Sold them Under the Title Made to them by a Com'on Recovery Did on the first Day of Octo<sup>r</sup> 1749—

Grant the Contents of five miles Square part of Said Land Bounded as Followeth Begining at the South West Corner of the Premises at a White pine Tree Marked which is the North West Corner of the Township N<sup>o</sup> 1 & Runs from thence North five miles to a White ash tree marked from thence East five miles to a Stake and Stones from thence South five miles to a Chesnut tree Marked from thence West five miles to the first Bounds mentiened, Under Certain Conditions Limitations and Reservations in s<sup>d</sup> Grant mentiened as by Said Grant Referance there to had will fully appear, Unto Tho<sup>s</sup> Read Esq Rob<sup>t</sup> Fletcher Jun<sup>r</sup> Jo<sup>s</sup> Blanchard Jun<sup>r</sup> Oliver Colburn Oliv<sup>r</sup> Farwell John Usher Tho<sup>s</sup> Spaulding Jn<sup>o</sup> Lovewell Jun<sup>r</sup> Peter Powers Humphry Hobbs Jn<sup>o</sup> Combs Jos: Blodget Jun<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> Fowle Jos<sup>h</sup> Swan Ezra Carpenter Jon<sup>a</sup> Cumings Thom<sup>s</sup> Parker Jun<sup>r</sup> Jn<sup>o</sup> Varnum W<sup>m</sup> Foster the Rev<sup>d</sup> Mr Tho<sup>s</sup> Parker Josiah Butterfield Anthony Emery Benj<sup>a</sup> Parker Jun<sup>r</sup> Nehe<sup>h</sup> Abbot Sam<sup>l</sup> Greele Benj<sup>a</sup> Farwell Oliv<sup>r</sup> Whiting Jo<sup>s</sup> Richardson Benj<sup>a</sup> Farley Jn<sup>o</sup> Kendall Ab<sup>r</sup> Kendall Daved Addams Joseph French Eleaz<sup>r</sup> Blanchard Zach<sup>s</sup> Lovewell Sam<sup>l</sup> Farley Will Cumings Jon<sup>a</sup> Powers Sam<sup>l</sup> Cumings Arch<sup>s</sup> Dale Jacob Putnam Nath<sup>l</sup> Putnam Jn<sup>o</sup> Dale Stephen Herryman Jn<sup>o</sup> Shead & Eph<sup>m</sup> Putnam—  
Therefore

Voted that We Do hereby Accept Said Title and for our Selves our Heirs and Assignes Acknowledge that We Do hold Said Lands Under S<sup>d</sup> Title Conditions and Limitations with the Reservations therein Mentioned—

Extract from the Votes of the Prop<sup>rs</sup> Grantees of the Township Called N<sup>o</sup> 2 Passed at their Meeting the 21<sup>st</sup> day of Nov<sup>r</sup> 1752

Coppy Exam<sup>d</sup> 

Joseph Blanchard Jun<sup>r</sup> Pro Clerk



[*Draft of Lots, 1749.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 8, p. 130, and Proprietors' Records, Vol. 6, p. 80.]

| Township N <sup>o</sup> 2—                          | Draught | N <sup>o</sup> | Range | N <sup>o</sup> | Range | N <sup>o</sup> | Range |
|---|---------|----------------|-------|----------------|-------|----------------|-------|
| Robert Fletcher Jun <sup>r</sup> . . . . .          | 1       | 9              | 4     | 9              | 3     | 11             | 4     |
| Joseph Blanchard Jun <sup>r</sup> . . . . .         | 2       | 8              | 4     | 8              | 3     | 20             | 2     |
| Oliver Colburn . . . . .                            | 3       | 10             | 6     | 1              | 10    | 16             | 3     |
| Minister . . . . .                                  | 6       | 12             | 7     | 17             | 10    | 20             | 4     |
| Oliver Farwell . . . . .                            | 7       | 11             | 5     | 2              | 7     | 1              | 2     |
| John Usher . . . . .                                | 8       | 6              | 5     | 6              | 6     | 1              | 1     |
| Thomas Spalding . . . . .                           | 9       | 18             | 1     | 13             | 1     | 14             | 1     |
| John Lovewell Jun <sup>r</sup> . . . . .            | 10      | 8              | 6     | 2              | 10    | 1              | 5     |
| Peter Powers . . . . .                              | 12      | 13             | 7     | 16             | 10    | 20             | 1     |
| Humphry Hobbs . . . . .                             | 14      | 4              | 4     | 6              | 3     | 10             | 2     |
| John Combs . . . . .                                | 16      | 4              | 3     | 8              | 2     | 9              | 2     |
| Joseph Blodgett . . . . .                           | 17      | 5              | 5     | 5              | 6     | 3              | 7     |
| Samuel Fowle . . . . .                              | 19      | 13             | 3     | 13             | 2     | 12             | 10    |
| Josiah Swan . . . . .                               | 20      | 13             | 6     | 10             | 10    | 11             | 10    |
| Ezra Carpenter . . . . .                            | 22      | 12             | 6     | 17             | 3     | 15             | 1     |
| Jonathan Cumings . . . . .                          | 23      | 3              | 2     | 4              | 2     | 11             | 3     |
| Thomas Parker Jun <sup>r</sup> . . . . .            | 24      | 3              | 3     | 12             | 2     | 7              | 2     |
| John Varnum . . . . .                               | 25      | 3              | 4     | 1              | 3     | 2              | 5     |
| Peter Powers & Arch <sup>us</sup> Dale . . . . .    | 27      | 7              | 8     | 7              | 7     | 7              | 1     |
| Ministry . . . . .                                  | 28      | 17             | 2     | 8              | 8     | 9              | 1     |
| Thomas Read Esq . . . . .                           | 30      | 11             | 1     | 19             | 4     | 19             | 3     |
| William Foster . . . . .                            | 32      | 7              | 10    | 20             | 8     | 10             | 7     |
| Mr Thomas Parker . . . . .                          | 34      | 18             | 7     | 19             | 7     | 18             | 3     |
| Josiah Butterfield . . . . .                        | 35      | 17             | 7     | 14             | 2     | 17             | 6     |
| Anthony Emery . . . . .                             | 36      | 15             | 2     | 2              | 8     | 3              | 8     |
| Benj <sup>a</sup> Parker Jun <sup>r</sup> . . . . . | 40      | 11             | 8     | 10             | 8     | 13             | 10    |
| Peter Powers . . . . .                              | 41      | 13             | 8     | 14             | 8     | 20             | 6     |
| School lots . . . . .                               | 42      | 12             | 9     | 10             | 9     | 10             | 1     |
| Nehemiah Abbot . . . . .                            | 43      | 13             | 9     | 3              | 1     | 16             | 1     |
| Samuel Greele . . . . .                             | 45      | 9              | 8     | 9              | 9     | 8              | 7     |
| Benjamin Farwell . . . . .                          | 46      | 16             | 9     | 9              | 6     | 19             | 9     |
| Oliver Whiting . . . . .                            | 47      | 6              | 4     | 7              | 4     | 7              | 3     |
| Joseph Richardson . . . . .                         | 48      | 17             | 5     | 16             | 5     |                |       |
| Benj <sup>a</sup> Farley . . . . .                  | 50      | 19             | 8     | 18             | 6     |                |       |
| Joseph Blodget . . . . .                            | 51      | 16             | 7     | 13             | 5     | 1              |       |
| John Kendall . . . . .                              | 52      | 5              | 9     | 6              | 8     | 14             | 5     |
| Abraham Kendall . . . . .                           | 53      | 19             | 5     |                |       |                |       |
| Peter Powers . . . . .                              | 55      | 16             | 4     | 18             | 4     | 15             | 3     |
| David Adams . . . . .                               | 56      | 17             | 1     |                |       |                |       |

| Township N <sup>o</sup> 2—                 | Draught | N <sup>o</sup> | Range | N <sup>o</sup> | Range | N <sup>o</sup> | Range |
|--|---------|----------------|-------|----------------|-------|----------------|-------|
| Joseph French . . . . .                    | 57      | 4              | 7     | 5              | 7     | 6              | 10    |
| Eleaz <sup>r</sup> Blanchard . . . . .     | 60      | 11             | 6     | 1              | 9     | 1              | 6     |
| Robert Fletcher Jun <sup>r</sup> . . . . . | 61      | 18             | 2     | 19             | 2     | 19             | 1     |
| Zacheus Lovewell . . . . .                 | 62      | 20             | 10    | 10             | 5     | 7              | 9     |
| Sam <sup>l</sup> Farley . . . . .          | 63      | 20             | 9     | 11             | 7     | 11             | 9     |
| William Cumings . . . . .                  | 64      | 2              | 2     | 4              | 1     | 5              | 1     |
| Jonathan Powers . . . . .                  | 65      | 2              | 3     | 2              | 4     | 2              | 1     |
| Samuel Cumings . . . . .                   | 66      | 6              | 2     | 5              | 2     | 6              | 1     |
| Natha <sup>l</sup> Putnam . . . . .        | 72      | 16             | 3     |                |       |                |       |
| Mill lotts . . . . .                       | 67      | 13             | 4     | 14             | 4     |                |       |
| John Dale . . . . .                        | 68      | 16             | 2     | 21             | 2     |                |       |
| Jacob Puttnam . . . . .                    | 69      | 15             | 5     | 18             | 5     |                |       |
| Steven Herryman . . . . .                  | 70      | 17             | 4     | 15             | 4     |                |       |
| Archalaus Dale . . . . .                   | 71      | 16             | 6     |                |       |                |       |
| John Shead . . . . .                       | 49      | 14             | 6     | 15             | 6     |                |       |
| Ephraim Putnam . . . . .                   | 73      | 15             | 5     |                |       |                |       |

The foregoing lotts were Drawn by the Grantees, those that Follows Were drawn by the Grantors the Respective lotts of each entered ag<sup>t</sup> y<sup>e</sup> name

| Township N <sup>o</sup> 2—  | Draught | N <sup>o</sup> | Range | N <sup>o</sup> | Range | N <sup>o</sup> | Range |
|---|---------|----------------|-------|----------------|-------|----------------|-------|
| Thomas Packer Esq . . . . .   | 4       | 9              | 5     | 8              | 10    | 9              | 10    |
| M Hunking Wentworth Esq . . . . .   | 5       | 7              | 5     | 8              | 5     | 1              | 4     |
| Jotham Odiorn . . . . .   | 11      | 12             | 4     | 12             | 3     | 12             | 1     |
| Joseph Blanchard . . . . .  | 13      | 5              | 4     | 10             | 3     | 4              | 8     |
| Thomas Wallingsford Esq . . . . .   | 15      | 5              | 3     | 11             | 2     | 7              | 6     |
| Joshua Peirce Esq . . . . .   | 18      | 4              | 5     | 4              | 6     | 1              | 7     |
| William Parker Esq . . . . .  | 21      | 12             | 5     | 19             | 10    | 18             | 10    |
| John Wentworth Jun <sup>r</sup> . . . . .                                     | 26      | 3              | 5     | 2              | 6     | 3              | 6     |
| John Moffett Esq . . . . .  | 29      | 5              | 8     | 6              | 7     | 8              | 1     |
| Nath <sup>l</sup> Meserve & Others . . . . .                                  | 31      | 18             | 9     | 17             | 9     | 20             | 7     |
| George Jaffrey Esq . . . . .  | 33      | 18             | 8     | 17             | 8     | 9              | 7     |
| Daniel Peirce & mary Moor . . . . .   | 37      | 2              | 9     | 3              | 9     | 3              | 10    |
| Mathew Livermore Esq . . . . .  | 38      | 4              | 9     | 4              | 10    | 5              | 10    |
| Richard Wibird Esq . . . . .  | 39      | 12             | 8     | 15             | 8     | 16             | 8     |
| Theodore Atkinson Esq . . . . .   | 44      | 14             | 9     | 14             | 10    | 20             | 5     |
| John T: Mason & Jn <sup>o</sup> Thomlinson Esq <sup>rs</sup> . . . . .        | 54      | 14             | 7     | 15             | 7     | 14             | 3     |
| M Hunk <sup>s</sup> Wentworth Esq . . . . .                                   | 58      | 15             | 9     | 15             | 10    | 20             | 3     |
| Sam <sup>l</sup> Solley & Clemo <sup>l</sup> March Esq <sup>r</sup> . . . . . | 59      | 6              | 9     | 8              | 9     | 19             | 6     |



The Aforewritten list Were drawn And finished at Dunstable the Sixteenth day of October 1749—

Copy Exam<sup>d</sup> ♂

Joseph Blanchard Jun<sup>r</sup> Prop<sup>s</sup> Clerk

[Plan of Lots.]

| Ranges |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     | (West five miles) |     |
|--------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------------------|-----|
|        |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     | (2)               | (1) |
| (10)   | (9) | (8) | (7) | (6) | (5) | (4) | (3) | (2) | (1) |                   |     |
| 20     | 20  | 20  | 20  | 20  | 20  | 20  | 20  | 20  | 20  |                   |     |
| 19     | 19  | 19  | 19  | 19  | 19  | 19  | 19  | 19  | 19  |                   |     |
| 18     | 18  | 18  | 18  | 18  | 18  | 18  | 18  | 18  | 18  |                   |     |
| 17     | 17  | 17  | 17  | 17  | 17  | 17  | 17  | 17  | 17  |                   |     |
| 16     | 16  | 16  | 16  | 16  | 16  | 16  | 16  | 16  | 16  |                   |     |
| 15     | 15  | 15  | 15  | 15  | 15  | 15  | 15  | 15  | 15  |                   |     |
| 14     | 14  | 14  | 14  | 14  | 14  | 14  | 14  | 14  | 14  |                   |     |
| 13     | 13  | 13  | 13  | 13  | 13  | 13  | 13  | 13  | 13  |                   |     |
| 12     | 12  | 12  | 12  | 12  | 12  | 12  | 12  | 12  | 12  |                   |     |
| 11     | 11  | 11  | 11  | 11  | 11  | 11  | 11  | 11  | 11  |                   |     |
| 10     | 10  | 10  | 10  | 10  | 10  | 10  | 10  | 10  | 10  |                   |     |
| 9      | 9   | 9   | 9   | 9   | 9   | 9   | 9   | 9   | 9   |                   |     |
| 8      | 8   | 8   | 8   | 8   | 8   | 8   | 8   | 8   | 8   |                   |     |
| 7      | 7   | 7   | 7   | 7   | 7   | 7   | 7   | 7   | 7   |                   |     |
| 6      | 6   | 6   | 6   | 6   | 6   | 6   | 6   | 6   | 6   |                   |     |
| 5      | 5   | 5   | 5   | 5   | 5   | 5   | 5   | 5   | 5   |                   |     |
| 4      | 4   | 4   | 4   | 4   | 4   | 4   | 4   | 4   | 4   |                   |     |
| 3      | 3   | 3   | 3   | 3   | 3   | 3   | 3   | 3   | 3   |                   |     |
| 2      | 2   | 2   | 2   | 2   | 2   | 2   | 2   | 2   | 2   |                   |     |
| 1      | 1   | 1   | 1   | 1   | 1   | 1   | 1   | 1   | 1   |                   |     |

This is a plan of N<sup>o</sup> 2, South of Salem Canada the Ranges are 160 rods wide And the lotts Eighty rods wide finished Laying out the lotts in may 1749

Samuel Cumings Surveyor

A Copy taken From the Files of the Prop<sup>rs</sup> of the Above Township—

♂ Joseph Blanchard Jun<sup>r</sup> Prop<sup>rs</sup> Clerk

N B One lott of John dale one of Anthony Emery & One of Archalaws dale All Which Joyned for Convenience of Accomodateing y<sup>e</sup> Old Settlements was Changed the forme, & is here entered,—in the Second Range & numbered 15, 16, 17, 21,—

[*John Goffe's Report, 1764.*]

[*Masonian Papers, Vol. 8, p. 131.*]

Monday April y<sup>e</sup> 2th, 1764. Went from Amherst to Wilton and took with me Cap<sup>t</sup> Walker and Lieut Bradford: soon after our entrance into the Town met with Hamlet who utterly denied his fenceing any of the Lord Proprietors Lands Disclaimed and wholly renounced & Disowned all Pretensions to any claim whatsoever of any Land Claimed by said Proprietors—M<sup>r</sup> Livermore affirmed that he had not by himself or with others improved fenced or meddled with any of the said Gentlemens Lands nor could we Learn that any were Trespassing in said Town upon the Strictest enquiry Excepting one Perry who it Appears has & is Trespassing on the Lot N<sup>o</sup> 4 in the ninth Range found some Clearing done on said Lot a Hut Erected in which we found fire and two or three Kittels also on said lot a long String of Possession Fence—at the northwest Corner of said Lot is a tree marked Lot n<sup>o</sup> 4 Range ninth—

P: S: it is commonly reported at Wilton & else where that m<sup>r</sup> Perry is a Great promoter & Encourager of the affair of settleing the said Gentlemens Lands—

Attests John Goffe

[*Plan of Wilton.*]

[From Record Book of Proprietors of Tyngstown, in Possession of City of Manchester.]

# Plan of the Township of No. 2-

Ranges (10) (9) (8) (7) (6) (5) (4) (3) (2) (1)

West

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N<sup>o</sup> 36 in y<sup>e</sup> West R— 5½ Acres of y<sup>e</sup> West End Sold to S. Williams

N<sup>o</sup> 41 in y<sup>e</sup> easternmost Range in the mile Slip sold to David Ingals consid<sup>a</sup> £180 Dec<sup>r</sup> 1778.—

Spring 1777. Sold to David Burnam 60 Acres of Land bounded Northerly by Land I sold to Nath<sup>l</sup> Peabody easterly by John Cummings & Southerly (in y<sup>e</sup> westernmost Range of the Mile Slip) until that Quantity of Land is compleated Consid<sup>a</sup> 44£

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WINDSOR.

[This town was formerly known as *Campbell's Gore*. Wheeler's Gore, situated between *Campbell's Gore* and Washington, was annexed June 21, 1797. Incorporated as Windsor Dec. 27, 1798.

See XIII, Hammond Town Papers, 723; Index to Laws, 78, 586; sketch, by J. G. Dodge, Hurd's History of Hillsborough County, 1885, p. 727.]

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[*Petition of James Campbell, 1748.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 8, p. 132.]

Portsmouth October 20<sup>th</sup> 1748

To the Gentlemen Proprietors of Mason's Right in Lands in y<sup>e</sup> Prov<sup>s</sup> of New Hampshire Gent<sup>m</sup>

I the Subscriber in behalf of my selfe and others Inhabitants of Chester & Londonderry do petition your favour to grant to such a Number of us and in Such manner as shall Seem meet to you a tract of Land or Such part thereof as you shall think fit Scituated & lying Chiefly to y<sup>e</sup> North of y<sup>e</sup> road leading from New Boston So called to Hillsborough So called; and in order thereto, do propose to preferr to the Said Proprietors a plan of y<sup>e</sup> Scituation & extent of the Said tract of Land with a List of the men's Names who will be Your Petitioners, by y<sup>e</sup> Second day of November next, in y<sup>e</sup> mean time pray the Said tract of land may not be otherwise disposed of and you will greatly Oblige me & others your friends &c

James Campbell





[*Nathan Taylor to the Governor, 1773.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 8, p. 134.]

To his Excellency Governour Wentworth and others Gentlemen,  
Lord Proprietors of a Tract of Land called Camel's Gore

Sir—

Your humble Petitioner informeth you that he has purchased a Lot of land of M<sup>r</sup> Varnum Esq—Proprietor of a tract of Land called Limbrick, which lot was then supposed to come within s<sup>d</sup> Township and accordingly oblieged myself to do a Duty, which Duty I have done for Limbrick But since by running the lines, s<sup>d</sup> lot fall into s<sup>d</sup> Camels Gore, and I have lived upon the land two years, with my family; and now I humbly desire that the Lord Proprietors of s<sup>d</sup> Land would inform me whither I shall hold s<sup>d</sup> lot under them, & what Duty I shall be oblieged to do for s<sup>d</sup> Lot; which contains 128 Acres. and I likewise inform you, that there are a Number of persons that pretend to hold the Land of s<sup>d</sup> Gore, under one M<sup>r</sup> Camel to whom they say, s<sup>d</sup> land was granted: who threaten to remove me from s<sup>d</sup> Lot as an intruder; and I humbly desire that you would inform me whither you will give me any title to s<sup>d</sup> Lot, if I should come for it.—I have been Verbally informed several times, from your Honours, that I should never be hurt, by taking up s<sup>d</sup> Lot in the manner I did and therefore I have presumed to tarry upon the Lot. and I likewise desire that you would write by the bearer hereof whither your Honours proposes to settle s<sup>d</sup> Gore soon for there are several men that would take up Land here if they knew upon what terms they migh have it;—

this from your humble petitioner and

most obedient servant

Camels Gore June y<sup>e</sup> 9<sup>th</sup> 1773

Nathan Taylor

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[*Memoranda.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 8, p. 135.]

Mem<sup>o</sup> Nov<sup>r</sup> 1778 M<sup>r</sup> Costello requested to have y<sup>e</sup> Opp<sup>o</sup> of purchasing Campbells Gore when Sold—

Dec<sup>r</sup> 9 Ja<sup>s</sup> Beton Esq<sup>r</sup> Signified to the Prop<sup>rs</sup> his desire to purchase Campbells Gore but could not make any offer as He was unacquainted with the Quality of y<sup>e</sup> land—

Feb<sup>y</sup> 25 Ja<sup>s</sup> Addams applied to purchase in Cambels Gore 1000 Acres to have y<sup>e</sup> persons removed y<sup>t</sup> got upon it—

Enoch Hale Esq<sup>r</sup> request's when a gore of land between Mason & Wilton when disposed of he may have y<sup>e</sup> preference in Consider<sup>a</sup> of Services

Y<sup>e</sup> Gore half a mile wide

1779 March 18<sup>th</sup> Moses Kelly of Goff's Town desires to be a purchaser of Cambells Gore

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[*John Goffe to Proprietors, 1779.*]

[*Masonian Papers, Vol. 8, p. 136.*]

Gen<sup>t</sup> when I heard Last summer Campbells Gore was settling by a number of Resolute fellows that Could Give masons proprietors no better name then Tories out of Regard to you I went to some of them & sent to others and perswaded them of from farther meddling till they had your liberty which I Did not dout you would Give them upon Reasonable Teirms if they would apply Reaglarly for it. they Came to me and after some arguments they Said you are aquanted with them Gen<sup>t</sup> will you go Down for us to them I answared I cant go my Selfe but If one of you will Go I will Right to them which will Do as well. accordingly I wrote you & let you know my oppinion Concerning it. and several of my Grandsons by Information from those men told me if they Could Git Each 100 acre they would settel their and not Go to the Eastward which maid me take so much pains as I have don. & spent so much mony and It is all to no porpose, Except they Can have those four lots that I mentioned to you when I was Down now Gen<sup>t</sup> may I ask you a Question or two 1<sup>st</sup> would it not be better to Grant them I dont mean my children but them four lots then to Try to oust them by Law Especily those that have maid Improvements as the times & curcumstances are at present for they that have begun on that tract are Encoraged and that as I am Informed by men of Caructer that if you have any Right to the patten that Tract is out of the bounds of the patten and they will warrant them if they go on and settel that no Jury will Turn them off

2<sup>d</sup> weather the cost wont be grater then the want of them four lots among 15 of you. as at the meeting of the whole 10 they Resolved to a man they would have nothing to Do with it Except the 4 was granted and had Rather that the first agrement should be annihilated then stand at all. for they Can purch Land as Good for 4 Dol-lors an acre near 20 miles nearer market or sea port. they Say yet as they sent me down they will stand for the 500 Dol<sup>rs</sup> & 100 if they may have the 4 lots afores<sup>d</sup> but I must loose my bond and survey if



the above is not Complied with by you sence what I have Don I amed at your Intrist I hope you will not take any advantage of me as for the 1000 Guinys I was surprized when I Got to my Lodgen & Calculated how much corn &c I found that all Campbills Gore would not produce in fifteen year So much Corn besids supporting the Fameleys that Raised it I told Esq<sup>r</sup> Penhollow next morning & Several of your proprietors I would not Give more then 500£ to pay in Gould Selver or Corn at the Regulating price but they 10 Chose 3 of their n<sup>o</sup> to wate upon your Hon<sup>rs</sup> at your ajornment Every one of which Intended to have Comply<sup>d</sup> with the artekl of settelmen if your Reserve would have aforded Good land which I think when I Sign<sup>d</sup> the bond I had the promis off

The Com<sup>tt</sup> from the 10 are Cap<sup>t</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> Moor Cap<sup>t</sup> Thomas McLoughlin and M<sup>r</sup> Benjamin Baker who are men of Good Estats & Good Cridid and Reputation and all 3 of them aquanted with the land and Can Inform you better then I Can and they are Determined to make a final Conclution about that Gore In Great hast I am with Great Regard

Your sencear frind &

Humble Servant

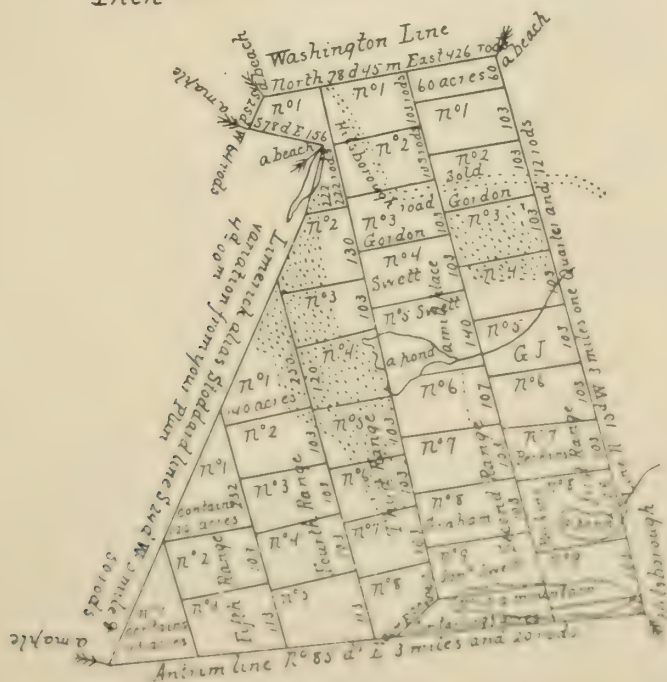
John Goffe

Derryfeild July 13<sup>th</sup> 1779

Masons proprietors

[Plan of Windsor, 1779.]

*Cammells Gore Surveyed Jun AD 1779*  
*The Scale of Proportion 200 rods to an*  
*Inch —*



N B. We were oblidge'd to alter that part of your orders to us respecting the numbering of the lots, by reason of our not being able to ascertain Antrim line, and other contingencies that happen'd us, and instead of numbering 1, 2, 3, &c throughout the whole, we numbered N<sup>o</sup> 1 N<sup>o</sup> 2 of y<sup>e</sup> first Range N<sup>o</sup> 1 N<sup>o</sup> 2 of y<sup>e</sup> 2<sup>d</sup> Range &c

Note also there is allowed to each hundred Acre lot 3 Acres nearly for highway land—

All those lots not marked to contain a certain Quantity contains 103 acres highway land being reckon'd

The Pricked or Shady places represents large tracts of Morass or Cedar Swamp land not fit to be inhabited

Note every that is nearly Square is 160 rods in length, and 103 rods in Breadth the other Lots that has Water or otherwise cut has also the number of rods marked on the plan that was required to make the needed Compliment—

The above a true Plan of the Said Cammels Gore as Surveyed by me the Subscriber according to the best of my Judgement—

Ɔ me James Nesmith jun<sup>r</sup> Sworn Surveyor—

Jan<sup>y</sup> 1782 a true Copy Examin'd

Ɔ Geo: Jaffrey Prop<sup>rs</sup> Cl

[*John Goffe's Bill, 1779.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 8, p. 137.]

June Co<sup>ll</sup> John Goffe to Samull Moor D<sup>r</sup>  
1779 for Serveying Campbells Goar

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| To the serveyer for 10 Days at 9£                        | £ 90—0—0 |
| To Sam <sup>ll</sup> Moor 10 Days at £6                  | 60—0—0   |
| To Abraham moor 10 D <sup>o</sup> at D <sup>o</sup>      | 60—0—0   |
| To Theoploas Griffen 10 D <sup>o</sup> at D <sup>o</sup> | 60—0—0   |

270—0—0

acompt Ɔ me

Samuel Moor

N<sup>o</sup> 1 & N<sup>o</sup> 2 in the 1<sup>st</sup> Rang

[*Petition of John Gordon, 1779.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 8, p. 138.]

To the Proprietors of the Lands purchased of John Tufton Mason Esq<sup>r</sup>—In New-Hampshire





gages to the aMOUNT of three Hundred pounds I am sir your most  
Ob<sup>t</sup> & very Hum<sup>l</sup> Ser<sup>t</sup>

James Underwood

P S M<sup>r</sup> Gordon Wants the plan of the first Laying or Lotting out  
Campbells Gore

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[*Proprietors' Minutes.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 8, p. 144.]

W<sup>m</sup> Whipple, J Penhallow & J Peirce a Committee of The Proprietors & purchasers of Masons Pattent, are to convey to Cap<sup>t</sup> Sweet two hundred Acres of Land more or less being Lots N<sup>o</sup> 4 & 5 in the 2<sup>d</sup> Range in Cammels Gore so called, s<sup>d</sup> Gore bounds on the Towns of Antrim Hilsborough, Washington & Stoddard, Ninety pounds L m<sup>v</sup> Consideration 300 spanish Milld Dollars Necessary highways are to be reserved—a Mortgage on the premises to secure the payment of a note of hand for 200 bush<sup>s</sup> Corn to be paid at or before 1<sup>st</sup> day March 1781—200 bush Corn at or before March '82 & 100 bush<sup>s</sup> to be paid at or before March '83—& interest on each payment of corn after the expiration of each period—

Whereas by a Vote of said Proprietors passed y<sup>e</sup> 3<sup>d</sup> day of April 1780 W<sup>m</sup> Whipple John Penhallow Esq<sup>rs</sup> and M<sup>r</sup> John Peirce were empowered as a Committee to sell the tract of land called Cambells Gore to the best advantage for the Prop<sup>rs</sup> and some doubt arising whether any two of said Committee are competent for that purpose and it being also necessary to enable the same to committee for and in behalf of y<sup>e</sup> prop<sup>rs</sup> to take any real or personal Security for the Sale of s<sup>d</sup> land for the use of s<sup>d</sup> Prop<sup>rs</sup> therefore voted that s<sup>d</sup> Committee or any two of them be and hereby are fully empowered in behalf of s<sup>d</sup> Prop<sup>rs</sup> to sell the same land as afores<sup>d</sup> and take any real or personal Security for the payment of the purchase Sum they may judge proper—

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[*Reserved Lots.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 8, p. 83, and Proprietors' Records, Vol. 4, p. 72,  
and Vol. 7, p. 101.]

Cammels Gore 28 Lots and 2 lots in New Bradford to make up 15  
Shares of 2 Lots each—



Richard Wibird—lots N<sup>o</sup> 5—1<sup>st</sup> Range 6—2<sup>d</sup> Range  
 John Moffatt—Lots N<sup>o</sup> 1—5<sup>th</sup> Range N<sup>o</sup> 3—1<sup>st</sup> Range  
 George Jaffrey—lots N<sup>o</sup> 45 New Bradford N<sup>o</sup> 5—4<sup>th</sup> Range  
 Mark H<sup>g</sup> Wentworth lots N<sup>o</sup> 1—2<sup>d</sup> Range N<sup>o</sup> 4—3<sup>d</sup> Range  
 Jotham Odiorne—lots N<sup>o</sup> 3—4<sup>th</sup> Range N<sup>o</sup> 1—6<sup>th</sup> Range  
 Thomas Packer—lots N<sup>o</sup> 9—1<sup>st</sup> Range N<sup>o</sup> 4—4<sup>th</sup> Range  
 Thomlinson & Mason lots N<sup>o</sup> 1—3<sup>d</sup> Range N<sup>o</sup> 2—3<sup>d</sup> Range  
 Solly & March—lots N<sup>o</sup> 1—1<sup>st</sup> Range N<sup>o</sup> 7—3<sup>d</sup> Range  
 Joshua Peirce—lots N<sup>o</sup> 7—2<sup>d</sup> Range N<sup>o</sup> 5—3<sup>d</sup> Range  
 Peirce & Moore—lots N<sup>o</sup> 8—3<sup>d</sup> Range N<sup>o</sup> 44 in New Bradford  
 John Wentworth lots N<sup>o</sup> 2—5<sup>th</sup> Range N<sup>o</sup> 3—in 5<sup>th</sup> Range  
 Theodore Atkinson—Lots N<sup>o</sup> 6—1<sup>st</sup> Range N<sup>o</sup> 10—2<sup>d</sup> Range  
 Thomas Wallingford lots N<sup>o</sup> 6—3<sup>d</sup> Range N<sup>o</sup> 2—4<sup>th</sup> Range  
 John Rindge—lots N<sup>o</sup> 3—3<sup>d</sup> Range N<sup>o</sup> 1—4<sup>th</sup> Range  
 Meserve Blanchard & C<sup>o</sup> N<sup>o</sup> 4—1<sup>st</sup> Range N<sup>o</sup> 2—2<sup>d</sup> Range

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[*Mortgage Deed, Jonathan Swett to Proprietors, 1780.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 8, p. 140.]

Know all men by these presents That I Jonathan Swett of Greenland in the County of Rockingham and State of New Hampshire Gentleman for and in consideration of the Sum of Ninety pounds lawful money in solid coin to me in hand paid before the delivery hereof by William Whipple John Penhallow Esq<sup>rs</sup> and John Peirce Merchant all of Portsmouth in the County aforesaid as a Committee for & in behalf of the Proprietors of the lands purchased of John Tufton Mason Esq<sup>r</sup> &c the receipt whereof I do hereby acknowledge have bargained sold remised and released by these presents do bargain sell convey remise release and forever quitclaim unto the said William Whipple John Penhallow and John Peirce their Heirs and Assigns forever as a Committee afores<sup>d</sup> for the use of said Proprietors all the right title Interest property claim and demand I have of in & to two hundred acres of land more or less being Lots Numbered Four and Five in the second Range in Cambell's Gore so called in y<sup>e</sup> County of Hillsborough and State aforesaid which Gore is bounded by the Towns of Antrim Hillsborough Washington and Stoddard being the same land the said Committee conveyed to me by deed bearing date the Seventeenth day of April A D 1780—To have & To hold the said bargained premises with all the appurtenances thereof to them the said William Whipple John Penhallow and John Peirce (as a Committee afores<sup>d</sup> for the use of said Proprietors) their Heirs and

Assigns forever for the use aforesaid. Provided nevertheless and this deed is upon this condition that if the said Jonathan Swett his Heirs Executors or Adm<sup>rs</sup> shall well and truly pay or cause to be paid unto the said William Whipple John Penhallow and John Peirce or either of them for the use said Proprietors three Notes of hand given by the said Jonathan to the said Committee for the use of said Proprietors, bearing date the 17th day of April A D 1780 the first of said Notes is given for two hundred Bushels of merchantable Indian Corn to be delivered to said Committee or order at or before the first day of March A D 1781 with Interest after that time The second of said Notes is for two hundred Bushels of merchant<sup>ble</sup> Indian Corn to be delivered to said Committee or order at or before the first day of March A D 1782 with Interest after that time, and the third of said Notes is for one hundred Bushels of merchantable Indian Corn to be delivered to said Committee or order at or before the first day of March A D 1783 with Interest after that time. Then this deed and every clause thereof shall be null and void or else shall be & remain in full [force] and virtue. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal the Eighteenth day of April Anno Domini One thousand seven hundred & Eighty

Signed Sealed & Delivered In presence of us—

Sam<sup>l</sup> Penhallow

Geo: Atkinson

Jona Swett (seal)

State of New Hampshire } Portsmouth April the Twenty first  
Rockingham ss } 1780 Then the above-named Jonathan Swet Personally appearing acknowledged the above-written Instrument to be his Voluntary Act & Deed—

Before me

Sam<sup>l</sup> Penhallow Justice Peace

Hillsbor<sup>o</sup>, ss Rec<sup>d</sup> 30<sup>th</sup> Dec<sup>r</sup> 1780 & Recorded Lib: 8, Fol: 298 & Examined

☞ Moses Nichols R D R

[*Proprietors' Agreement with Gordon and Swett, 1784.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 8, p. 141.]

Portsmouth Feb<sup>y</sup> 10<sup>th</sup> 1784—at a Convention of the Proprietors of y<sup>e</sup> Lands purchased of John Tufton Mason Esq<sup>r</sup> in New Hampshire John Gordon of Campbels Gore with whom the Said Proprietors agreed on y<sup>e</sup> 23<sup>d</sup> day Sept<sup>r</sup> 1779 to Convey to him two Lots of land



in said Gore computed one hundred Acres each viz<sup>t</sup> Lot N<sup>o</sup> 2 in first Range & Lot N<sup>o</sup> 3 in Second Range agreeable to James Nesmith jun<sup>r</sup> his plan of said Gore—and for which the Said Gorden gave his note under his hand on the Said 23<sup>d</sup> day of September, promising to pay unto George Jaffrey Esq<sup>r</sup> for the use of Said Proprietors in one year from Said 23<sup>d</sup> day of September two hundred bushells of good merch<sup>a</sup> Indian Corn and two hundred bushells of good Merch<sup>a</sup> Rye or as much money as will purchase Said Corn and Rye in the Town of Portsmouth where Said Corn & Rye was to be delivered with Interest on Said Corn & Rye until paid—Now the Said Gorden appears before the Proprietors and Say's he is unable to pay the Sum now due in Consideration for the Said two lotts—upon Consideration of Sundry Circumstances represented by Said Gorden and upon his Application jointly with Josiah Swett of Wenham in the County of Essex and Common Wealth of Massachusetts yeoman—That said Proprietors should give to the Said John Gorden a grant of one the Lots in Said Gore N<sup>o</sup> 2 in 1<sup>st</sup> Range in Said Gore and that the Said Josiah Swett have a grant of the other of Said lotts N<sup>o</sup> 3 in 2<sup>d</sup> Range in Said Gore upon Said Swetts paying or Satisfying Said Proprietors the Sum of Ninety five pounds lawfull money in Silver—upon Consideration of the whole matter—The Proprietors determine That if the Said Josiah Swett shall pay to the Said Proprietors within Six months from this date forty Seven pounds ten shillings lawfull money in Silver, and give them Sufficient Security for forty Seven pounds ten shillings in Said money then the Said Prop<sup>rs</sup> will give a grant to the Said John Gorden of the Lot N<sup>o</sup> 2, in 1<sup>st</sup> Range aforesaid and give a grant to the Said Josiah Swett of the above Said Lot N<sup>o</sup> 3 in 2<sup>d</sup> Range in Campbells Gore aforesaid—the Said Gordens obligation to the Prop<sup>rs</sup> for 200 bushells of Indian Corn & 200 bushells of Rye be cancelled and Given up—

attest Geo: Jaffrey Prop<sup>rs</sup> Cl

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[*Advice in Swett Case, 1788.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 8, p. 142.]

(Mortgage)

David Swett of Campbells Gore—to Rogers, Penhallow, & Peirce a Mortgage of Lots N<sup>o</sup> 4 & 5. 2<sup>d</sup> Range in said Gore Recorded book 16. page 405—

Swett sold the same Land to to Men one by the name of Swett the other unknown by deeds which are also recorded—

Mr Bean must now enquire whether Swetts conveyance to these two Men were recorded before or after the above Mortgage—

perhaps one Wiggins of Stratham or some other person might join in the sale—Mr Bean brought acc<sup>o</sup> when he returned the mortgage that David had made no conveyance he must now find when his deds above ment<sup>d</sup> were recorded for he has certainly sold the Land—a Mortgage from Josiah Swett is now sent to be recorded—Sep<sup>r</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> 1788

the Mortgage within mentioned was recorded 1<sup>st</sup> Nov<sup>r</sup> 1786—Wiggins & Swett to Richards of 250 acres Being the whole of the Lot N<sup>o</sup> 5—& the Southerly half of N<sup>o</sup> 4 Joining N<sup>o</sup> 5 in 2<sup>d</sup> range in Campbells gore Recorded 26, Dec<sup>r</sup> 1786—Swett to Swett of the North Half of Lot N<sup>o</sup> 4 in 2<sup>d</sup> range Recorded 14 may 1788.—which is the within Request

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[*Mortgage, Swett to Proprietors, 1788.*]

[*Masonian Proprietors, Vol. 8, p. 143.*]

Know all Men by these Presents, That I Josiah Swett of a place called Campbells Gore in the County of Hillsborough and state of New Hampshire Gentleman For and in consideration of the sum of Seventy Seven pounds Lawful Money to me in hand before the delivery hereof, by George Jaffrey Esquire Clerk of the Proprietors of Masons Patent, said Jaffrey is of Portsmouth in the County of Rockingham and State aforesaid—the Receipt whereof, I do hereby acknowledge, have given, granted, bargained, sold and released; and by these Presents do give, grant bargain, sell, aliene, release, convey and confirm to him the said George Jaffrey his Heirs and Assigns, to hold for the benefit of the said Proprietors of Masons Patent one hundred Acres of Land more or less being Lot Number three in the second Range in Said Cambels Gore it being the Lot of Land I now live on together with all the buildings and improvements thereon—

To have and to hold the said granted Premises with the Appurtenances thereof, to him the said George Jaffrey his Heirs and Assigns to hold as aforesaid to his & their proper use, benefit and behoof forever: Hereby engaging to warrant and defend the said granted Premises, against all claims or demands of any person or persons claiming by, from or under any Person or Persons whomsoever—

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal, this fourth day of September Anno Domini, 1788—

Provided Nevertheless and this Deed is upon this express condition



that if I the said Josiah Swett my heirs or Assigns do well and truly pay or cause to be paid unto the said George Jaffrey for the benefit of said Proprietors of Masons Patent one note of hand of this date for the sum of Seventy Seven pounds Lawful Money in one Year from the date with interest thereon until paid, according to the true intent and meaning of said Note then this deed shall be null and void or otherwise be and remain in full force strength and virtue as Witness my hand the day and Year before written

Signed Sealed &  
Delivered in Presence of—

Josiah Swett [seal]

Geo Gains

Edward Hart

State of New )

Hampshire )

Rockingham ss )

Portsmouth Septem<sup>r</sup> fourth 1788

Then Josiah Swett Personally Appearing

Acknowledged the foregoing Instrument by him Signed to be his  
free act and Deed before Geo Gains Jus Peace

Hillsboro' ss: Receiv<sup>d</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> Septem<sup>r</sup> 1788, and Recorded Lib: 20,  
Fol: 413 & Exam<sup>d</sup>—

Ⓜ Moses Nichols R D R

[*Bond for Deed of Lot, 1802.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 8, p. 145.]

Provided Mr Henry Bagley of Windsor in the County of Hillsborough, will execute to each of us a Note of hand for Sixty Dollars, payable in one & two Year, with Interest from Jan<sup>y</sup> 1, 1802—on Receipt of said Notes, properly secured to us, by Mortgage or otherwise to our Satisfaction, we promise on Rec<sup>t</sup> of said Notes, thus secured, or on the payment of the same, we will convey to him a Certain Lot of Land in said Windsor, numbered Nine in the first Range, originally drawn to the Right of Thomas Packer—the Obligation to be binding on us for two Months from Date—Portsm<sup>o</sup> March 12, 1802

Nath<sup>l</sup> A. Haven

John Peirce

Deeds Executed & Mortgage taken June 26 1802

## WOLFEBOROUGH.

[Granted by the Masonian Proprietors Oct. 5, 1759, to William Earl Treadwell and others. Wolfeborough Addition was annexed Dec. 4, 1800. A portion of Alton was annexed June 27, 1849, and a farm from Tuftonborough, June 26, 1858.

See IX, Bouton Town Papers, 456, 824; XIII, Hammond Town Papers, 730; Index to Laws, 588; sketch, by B. F. Parker, Fergusson's History of Carroll County, 1889, p. 279; papers under title Kingswood; In the Heart of the White Mountains, by S. A. Drake, 1882, p. 8; Central New Hampshire, by G. F. Bacon, 1890, p. 103; Note, 1814, by C. Lowell, 13, Mass. Historical Society Collections, 117; Stewart's History of the Free Baptists, 1862, p. 162; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, pp. 597, 599.]

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[*Petition for Grant.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 8, p. 162.]

To the Hon<sup>ble</sup> Theodore Atkinson Esq<sup>r</sup> and others Proprietors Purchasers of John Tufton Mason Esq<sup>r</sup>

We being desirous of improving & Settling some waste Land in this Province of New Hampshire Pray the Proprietors aforesaid that a Township may be Granted to us & our Associates of Six Miles Square at or near Winnepesocket Pond; for that Purpose

A R Cutter

David Sewall

Will<sup>a</sup> Earl Treadwell

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[*Bounds of Wolfeborough.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 8, p. 146.]

a tract of Land Bounded as follows viz to begin at the north Easterly Corner of y<sup>e</sup> new town granted to Jonathan Chesley Ebenezer Smith & their associates it being the Bounds between Said town & that Called y<sup>e</sup> middle town ship & then Runs N 48 Degrees East on the head of Said middle town and Samon falls town ship So far (as that a Line Run N W Six miles & then S W to wenepesocke pond & then to Run Down Bounding on Said pond on Every part thereof until the Bound or Corner first mentioned shall Bear S. E. & then to Run S. E. to Said Bounds first mentioned) as Shall Contain 36 Square miles

Walter Bryant



[*Charter of Wolfeborough, 1759.*]

[Masonian Proprietors' Records, Oct. 5, 1759.]

Province of            )   Portsmouth October 5<sup>th</sup> 1759. Fryday five of the  
 New Hampshire ) Clock afternoon at the House of James Stoodly  
 Innholder—The Proprietors meet according to Adjournment—

Whereas Sundry young Gentlemen of the Town of Portsmouth in said Province have applied to said Proprietors and represented that they were disposed to make a Settlement of a new plantation and to advance all such sums of money from time to time as should be necessary to a vigorous Prosecution of that design if they cou'd obtain the title of said Proprietors to a Suitable tract of land for this purpose & thereupon have requested such a grant and said Proprietors being willing to encourage a Proposition so likely to be of publick utility—Therefore—

Voted That there be and hereby is Granted unto William Earl Treadwell, Henry Apthorp, Ammi Ruhamah Cutter and David Sewall all of Portsmouth aforesaid and such others as they shall admitt as associates with them & their respective heirs and assigns forever all the right, title, estate, property and demand of said Proprietors of in and unto a certain tract of land in the province aforesaid equal in Quantity to thirty six square miles bounded as follows, viz<sup>t</sup> beginning at the northeasterly corner of a tract of land granted by said Proprietors to Jonathan Chesla & others known by the name of New Durham then runing north forty eight degrees east on the head or upper line of a tract of land called Middletown and on that called Salmon falls Town or as those head lines run joining thereon & running so far as that a line running from thence Six miles northwest & then Southwest to Winnepiseoky pond and then by the side of said Pond joining thereon untill the aforesaid corner first mentioned bears Southeast and then runing South East to the said Corner makes up the aforesaid Quantity of thirty six square miles Excepting and reserving as is herein after expressed & on the Conditions and Limitations and terms herein after declared. To have and to hold the said Granted Premises with the appurtenances to them the said William Earl Treadwell, Henry Apthorp, Ammi Ruhamah Cutter & David Sewall and their associates their several & respective heirs and assigns forever on the terms reservations & Limmitations & Conditions following viz<sup>t</sup>—First—That the said tract of land be at the cost of the Grantees & their associates be laid out as soon as may be into four equal parts both for Quantity and Quality and one of the said parts to be determined by lot be and hereby is excepted and reserved to the said Proprietors and their assigns which Quarter part shall also be laid out at the expence of

the said Grantees and their associates when requested by said Proprietors into twenty shares or Lotts three of which shall be for the following publick uses viz<sup>t</sup> one for the use of a School, one for the use of the first minister of the Gospell who shall settle there and the other for the use of the ministry of the Gospel there forever and the other seventeen lotts to be for the use of the persons to whom they shall fall by lott hereafter to be drawn their heirs and assigns—by which method also the aforesaid Lotts for Publick uses shall be determined & all necessary Publick or General highways shall be laid out in the said reserved Quarter at the Expence of the said Grantees & associates no highway to be less than two rods wide and all the Shares, lotts & divisions in the said Quarter part shall not be liable to any charge in settling & carrying this proposal into Execution untill the same shall be improved by the respective owners—

Secondly the said Grantees shall have ten families settled on said three Quarters of said Tract of land within three years after a publick peace shall be concluded between the english French and Indians and within eight years after such a peace to have a forty families settled there and a convenient house built for the publick worship of God and all necessary highways shall be laid out thro' the said Land of the breadth aforesaid. all the said matters and things are to be done at the charge and Expence of the Grantees and their associates, Provided that if after such a peace a war with the Indians should again commence before the expiration of the several periods before limitted the like time shall be allowed as before specified after that Impediment shall be removed—

Moreover all white pine trees fit for his Majesty's use in the Service of the Royal Navy are hereby reserved to his Majesty's use his heirs and Successors for that purpose, that Now are or hereafter shall be growing on said Land—

And in case the said Grantees and their associates shall neglect and omit to perform the articles, matters or things before mention'd by them to be done or that shall be added by agreement between said Proprietors and them according to the true Intent and meaning hereof and within the time limitted for that purpose it shall & May be lawfull to & for said Proprietors & they are hereby authorized either by themselves or any of them their Agent or Agents or attornies in their name to Re Enter and take possession of said Granted Premises & become reseized thereof and be again instated as in their former estate and as if this Grant had never been made—

And further it is agreed and this Condition added that the Grantors lotts shall not be subjected to any town or parish charges or Taxes neither by act of Assembly or otherways untill they shall by



them respectively settled or Sold but the Grantees & their associates shall keep and save them wholly Indemnified from the same and also that neither the Grantors nor their heirs shall be by virtue of this Grant bound or held to warrant the said Granted Premises to the Grantees nor their associates—And that there be also reserved in the most convenient place in the said three quarter parts of said tract hereby granted ten acres of land, to be laid Out by the said Grantees and their associates, in, or near as can be in a square for publick uses for the benefit of the Inhabitants of the whole Tract herein described viz<sup>t</sup> for a training field, burying Ground and any other publick use—

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[*Daniel Peirce's Receipt*, 1765.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 8, p. 147.]

I Daniel Pierce of Portsmouth in the Province of New Hamps<sup>r</sup> Esq<sup>r</sup> As a Legatee or Owner of the Right or Interest of Joshua Pierce Esq<sup>r</sup> As one of Masons Proprietors Do hereby Acknowledge & Receive the 300 Acres Allow'd and Granted to m<sup>r</sup> Hugh Hall Wentworth Adjoyning to wolfborough As may Appear by their vote Dated the 24<sup>th</sup> Jan<sup>y</sup> 1765 As so much of said Joshua Pierce's Right for which the Other Proprietors have not yet Receivd their Equal Shares And that in future Divisions the other Proprietors are to have Equivolent thereto In which no share is to be allowd to said Joshua Pierce Untill the other Propr<sup>rs</sup> have Equivolent According to their Respective Interests. Witness my hand Jan<sup>y</sup> 24<sup>th</sup> 1765

D Peirce





your patitioners have been at considerable expence in surveying and laying out said Grant, and have procured a setler for each five hundred Acres, with a grant to each Setler of one hundred Acres, as an encouragment for his seteling, so that there now remains to your Patitioners only four hundred Acres each, more than one half of which will be unimprovable, that your patitioners are determined to settle and improve their rights equal too any of the Wolfborough Grantees, provided their grants are mad as large & good as theirs, the least of which in the uper range of Lotts is six hundred Acres. Your Patitioners who are now the owners of your former grant beg that an additional grant be made them either on the eastermost side, or notherly end of the former Grant as the Proprietors shall think most proper—

Portsm<sup>o</sup> July 13<sup>th</sup> 1768—

James Stoodly  
Hall Jackson

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[*Reserved Lots, 1769.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 8, p. 149, and Proprietors' Records, Nov. 8, 1769.]

Province of ) At a Meeting of the Proprietors of the Lands  
New Hampshire ) purchased of John Tufton Mason Esqu<sup>r</sup> in New  
—Hampshire, held at Portsmouth, on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of November 1769—

Whereas the Grantees of a Tract of land granted by Said Proprietors, to William Earle Treadwell Henry Apthorp Ammi Ruhamah Cutter & David Sewall and their Associates and their Several and respective Heirs and Assigns, (Said tract now called Wolfborough) have returned a Plan of one fourth or Quarter part of said granted tract of Land, reserve for the Said Proprietors, the Grantors, as determined by lot, and said fourth part of said granted tract should have been divided into twenty lots or shares, but in Said plan of one fourth part of said granted tract of land, reserved for said Proprietors the Grantors, returned by Said Grantees, the Division is made into eighteen Shares or lots only, and numbered one to eighteen—notwithstanding, it is Voted that the Said Plan be and hereby is accepted, and the Said eighteen Shares or lotts be now drawn for at this meeting, and the lot or Share drawn to each Proprietors Right, and the lot and share drawn for the Ministry and for the first Settled minister, and for the benefit of a School—be entered, as drawn respectively, to Said Proprietors, and first minister Settled—and shall be to them their Heirs and assigns For ever, and for the benefit of the ministry and School for ever, and the Lot or Share so entered as drawn to each,

respectively, shall be a final Severance of the Same, to whom drawn—

The Draft of the above Eighteen Shares viz<sup>t</sup>

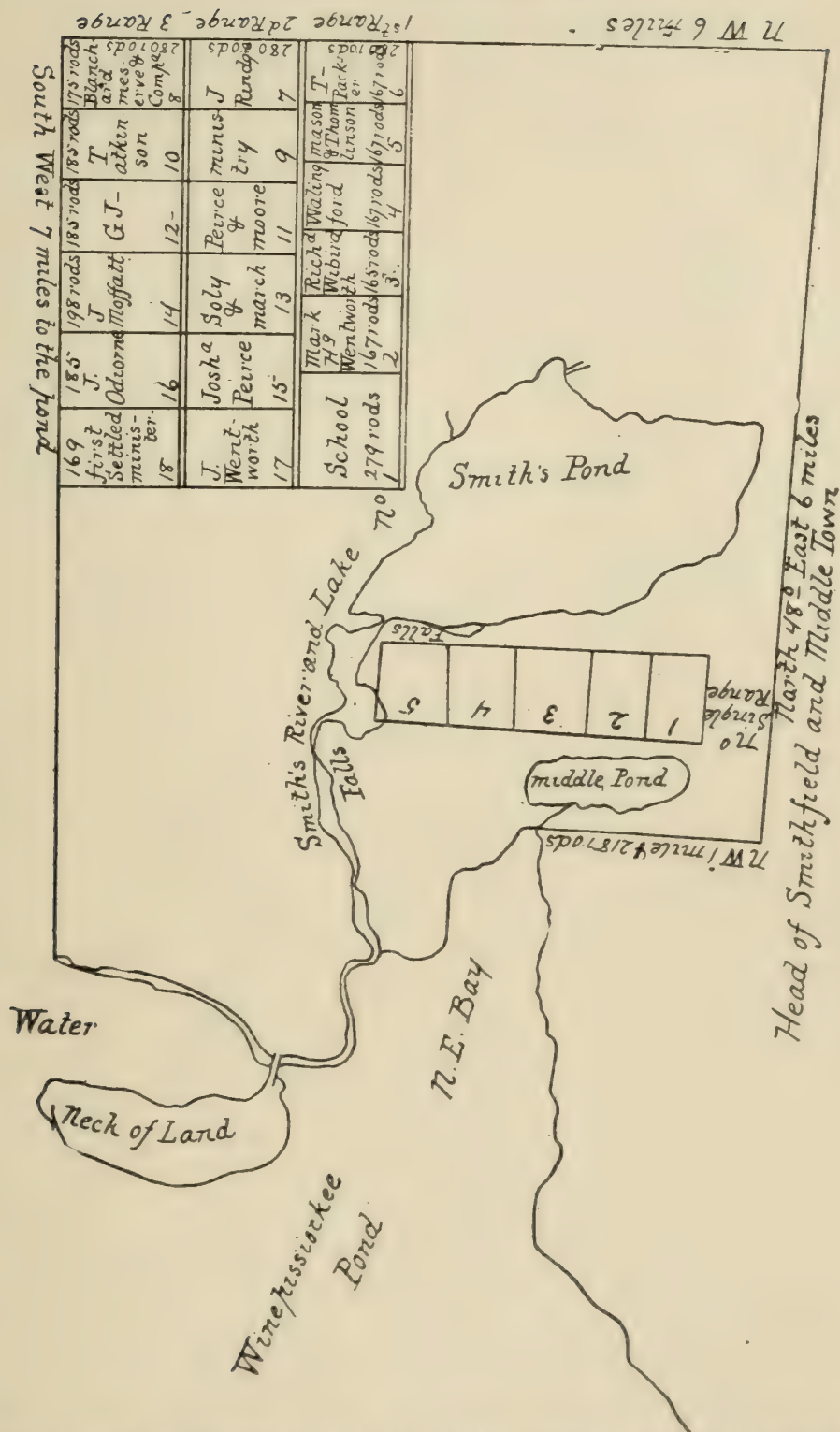
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|-----------------|----------------------|---|---|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> | drawn N <sup>o</sup> | 9 | To the use of the Ministry  |
| 2               | .                    | . | 17—to the Right of John Wentworth Esq <sup>r</sup>  |
| 3               | .                    | . | 15 to the Right of Joshua Peirce Esq <sup>r</sup>   |
| 4               | .                    | . | 12. to George Jaffrey Esq <sup>r</sup>  |
| 5               | .                    | . | 6. to Thomas Packer Esq <sup>r</sup>  |
| 6               | .                    | . | 14. to John Moffatt Esq <sup>r</sup>  |
| 7               | .                    | . | 11. to Daniel Peirce Esq <sup>r</sup> and Mary Moor's Right                               |
| 8               | .                    | . | 2. to Mark Hunking Wentworth Esq <sup>r</sup>   |
| 9               | .                    | . | 4. to Thomas Walingford Esq <sup>r</sup>  |
| 10              | .                    | . | 18. to the first Settled Minister   |
| 11              | .                    | . | 7. to John Rindge   |
| 12              | .                    | . | 13. to Samuel Solly & Clement March Esq <sup>rs</sup>                                     |
| 13              | .                    | . | 8. to Meserve Blanchard & Comp <sup>a</sup>   |
| 14              | .                    | . | 5. to Mess <sup>rs</sup> John Thomlinson & Jn <sup>o</sup> Tufton Mason Esq <sup>rs</sup> |
| 15              | .                    | . | 3. to the Right of Richard Wibird Esq <sup>r</sup>  |
| 16              | .                    | . | 16. to the Right of Jotham Odiorne Esq <sup>r</sup>                                       |
| 17              | .                    | . | 1 to School's Use & Benefit—  |
| 18              | .                    | . | 10 to Theodore Atkinson Esq <sup>r</sup>  |

A true Copy of Record

attest. Geo : Jaffrey Prop<sup>rs</sup> Cl



[Plan of Reserved Lots.]



A Plan of the Township of Wolfborough with Rivers and Pond therein—

The three Ranges or eighteen Lotts is that Quarter part of the aforesaid Township remaining the Property of the Proprietors, of Mason's Patent—

The Single range with five Lotts is one Thousand Acres of S<sup>d</sup> Township divided into two hundred Acres each lott for Settlers, Said lotts are 200 rods long, and half a mile wide, number 5, has ten rods added to the wedth thereof to make it as good as the other 4 lotts, on account of part of the Lake on Smiths river falling thereinto—

A true Plan

Walter Bryant Jun<sup>r</sup> Surv<sup>r</sup>—

October 27<sup>th</sup> 1762—

This may certify that this plan of the Grantors Quarter part of the Township of Wolfborough, was returned by Walter Bryant Jun<sup>r</sup> Surveyor to the Grantees as a true plan of Said Quarter part—

att<sup>r</sup> Jn<sup>o</sup> Parker Prop<sup>rs</sup> Cl<sup>k</sup>—

This Plan and laying out into lots of the Grantors part of the Township of Wolfborough, was returned by the Grantees, was accepted by the Grantors, and their particular Lots or Shares were Severed to each Proprietors right, agreeable to Said plan & as it stands on the file of Records of the Proprietors of which this is a true Copy

Attest Geo. Jaffrey Prop<sup>rs</sup> Cl

[*Petition for Addition*, 1769.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 8, p. 150.]

To the Proprietors of Mason's Patent so called

The Petition of the Proprietors of the Tract of Land called Wolfborough humbly shews—

That the Surveyor employed by your Petitioners to survey & lay out said Township took it for granted that a Neck of Land in Winipisiokee Pond adjoining to s<sup>d</sup> Township contained as many Acres of Land as were equivalent to the several ponds of Water within said Township whereas upon an actual Survey of said Neck it is found to contain no more than five hundred & forty Seven Acres and Smiths Pond is Supposed to contain at least three thousand Acres & Middle Pond near one thousand Acres more not to Mention several other smaller Ponds—Therefore your Petitioners humbly pray you would take this Matter into your Consideration & grant them as many Acres of Land adjoining to said Township of Wolfborough as in your Wisdom you may think they are deprived of thro' the Inadvertence not to say Chicanery of the Surveyor—and your Petitioners as in Duty bound shall ever pray &c—

Portsmouth Nov<sup>r</sup> 20<sup>th</sup> 1769—

Jn<sup>o</sup> Parker on Behalf of &  
Clerk to said Proprietors



[ *Condition of Settlements, 1770.* ][ *Masonian Papers, Vol. 8, p. 151.* ]

| Names of the People who ar Heads of Familys        | N <sup>o</sup> Lotts | Acres Clar <sup>d</sup> | Acres Fell | sort Houses | Barns   |
|--|----------------------|-------------------------|------------|-------------|---------|
| Governor Wentworth . . . .                         | 2 & 3                | 60                      | 50         | 100 & 40    |         |
| Sam <sup>ll</sup> Wooddess . . . .                 | 7                    | 1                       | 3          | Logg        |         |
| George Wooddes . . . .                             | 7                    |                         | 4          |             |         |
| Jotham Rindge . . . .                              | 8                    | 10                      | 40         | Frame       | Logg    |
| Aron ffrost . . . .                                | 9                    | 1                       | 12         | Logg        |         |
| Thomas Triggs . . . .                              | 5                    | 1                       | 5          | do          |         |
| James Lucass . . . .                               | 1                    | 20                      | 10         | do          | 30 feet |
| Sam <sup>l</sup> Tibbits . . . .                   | 2                    | 8                       | 6          | frame       |         |
| Joseph Lary . . . .                                | 3                    | 6                       | 7          | Logg        |         |
| Tho <sup>s</sup> Taylor . . . .                    | 4                    | 5                       | 2          | do          |         |
| Tho <sup>s</sup> Piper . . . .                     | 5                    | 2                       | 5          | do          |         |
| Mr <sup>s</sup> Fulerton . . . .                   | 7                    | 14                      | 8          | do          |         |
| Benja <sup>a</sup> Blake . . . .                   | 6                    | 13                      | 3          | do          |         |
| Andrew Wiggings . . . .                            | 8                    | 5                       | 2          | do          |         |
| James Hersay . . . .                               | 9                    | 4                       | 6          | do          |         |
| Jon <sup>a</sup> Hersay on D Peirce . . . .        |                      | 8                       | 5          | do          |         |
| Isriel Clifford . . . .                            | 21                   | 4                       | 5          | do          |         |
| David Haynes . . . .                               | 21                   | 3                       | 5          | do          |         |
| William Haynes . . . .                             | 20                   | 4                       | 4          | do          |         |
| Sam <sup>ll</sup> Clifford . . . .                 | 19                   | 4                       | 3          | do          |         |
| Ruben Libby . . . .                                | 24                   | 6                       | 10         | do          |         |
| Sam <sup>ll</sup> Tibbets Jun <sup>r</sup> . . . . | 17                   | 2                       | 5          | Frame       |         |
| John Sinclear . . . .                              | 14                   |                         | 30         | Frame       |         |
| Tho <sup>s</sup> Lucass . . . .                    | 14                   | 0                       | 20         | do          |         |
| James Lucass Jun <sup>r</sup> . . . .              | 14                   | 0                       | 30         | do          |         |
| Benja <sup>a</sup> Folsom . . . .                  | 12                   | 0                       | 6          | Logg        |         |
| Jacob Scajeal . . . .                              | 11                   |                         | 8          | do          |         |
| George Meserve . . . .                             | 20                   | 4                       | 16         |             |         |
| John Parker . . . .                                | 24                   | 8                       | 50         |             |         |
| done by sundry People 2 small Houses               | 16                   | 4                       | 21         |             |         |
| W <sup>m</sup> Torry . . . .                       | 17                   | 6                       | 14         |             |         |
| Cap <sup>t</sup> King . . . .                      | 13                   | 0                       | 10         |             |         |
| Henry Rust . . . .                                 | 15                   | 17                      | 4          |             |         |

No Meeting House for Publick Worship

The above is an Acco't of the settlements & Improvements in Wolfborough—surv<sup>d</sup> & examind 79Wolfborough Jan<sup>y</sup> 1770Jotham Rindge & W<sup>m</sup> Blake

[*Report on Highways and Bridges, 1773.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 8, p. 152.]

Ossipee Bridge July 8<sup>th</sup> 1773

Gentlemen

Agreeable to Request we have Vewed the Road & Bridges from Wolfborough Line to Ossepee River & Find the Rode is not sufficient in Wedth in many places to pass with a Team & in Sundry places either so Steep or Sideling that it<sup>s</sup> impossable to pass with a Loaded Team & that some more Crossway to fullfill the Agreement is Necessary—Pine River Bridge Wharf'd at Each End a Gallus under the Middle Four String peices that wou'd Squear about Eight Inches in the Middle & Two Ditto under Six Inches a Good sort of Timber for Covering tho not Flated or Trunneld the Bridge built so high as we think not Subject to be carried off with a Freshet—

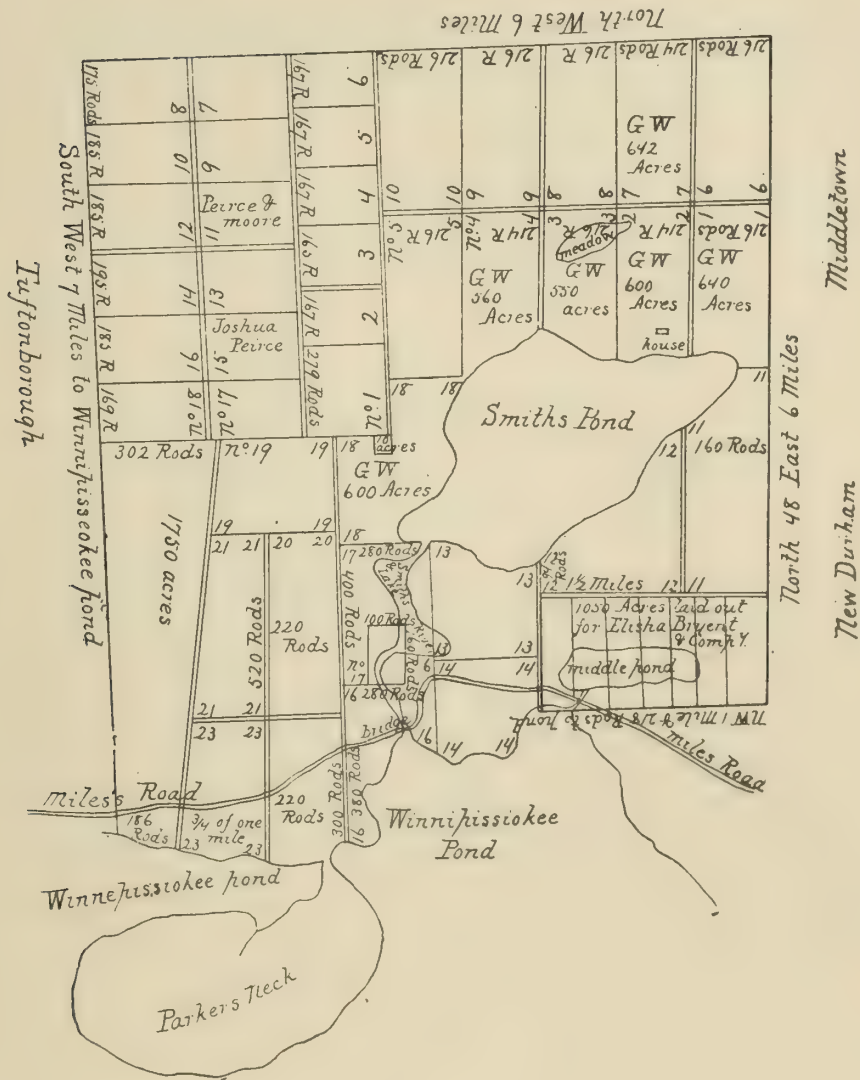
Ossipee River Bridge we find Three pair of Peires good Timber well Framd & Braced Tho no Ballast Flour Two Single Peires well framed & Braced we find the Water Under the Bridge ab<sup>t</sup> five feet Deep & the Covering about Nine feet Clear from y<sup>e</sup> Water The Covering lays on Three Good String Peices in Wedth near Twelve Inches squear of the best Timber we Coud See Round about y<sup>e</sup> Bridge a good sort of Timber for Covering & close lade tho not flated or Trunnel'd the whole Length of y<sup>e</sup> Bridge is about Two hundred & Twenty four feet—Hand Reiles on Each side—The large Crossway over the Beaver Dam Near Ossipee Bridge built with good Timber & Close lade—We find The Stumps in y<sup>e</sup> Road close cut the Rode in General not a Rod Wide We are Your Hum<sup>l</sup> serv<sup>tts</sup>

Henry Rust  
H: Y: Brown

Daniel Rogers & John Penhallow Esq<sup>r</sup>



[Plan of Wolfborough.]



[Resolve Respecting Peirce Land.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 8, p. 153.]

Whereas Daniel Peirce Esq<sup>ur</sup> Suggest's that he has one thousand Acres of land in the tract land granted to John Tufton mason Esq<sup>ur</sup> which is called Tuftonborough and as the Claimers of Tuftonborough have mark'd out the grant to John Tufton Mason in a different place than was Voted and the thousand Acres assigned to Said Peirce lay's without y<sup>e</sup> grant made to S<sup>d</sup> Mason—and as the Proprietors have

voted that a thousand Acres of land be laid out to each Proprietor's Right except to y<sup>e</sup> Right of the late Coll<sup>o</sup> Nath<sup>l</sup> Meserve Joseph Green deceas'd & Paul March to whose Right one thousand Acres of land was granted to George Meserve Esq<sup>ur</sup> & Stephen Batson it is determined that the thousand Acres to be laid out to Daniel Peirce Esq<sup>ur</sup> in the Right of Josh<sup>a</sup> Peirce Esq<sup>ur</sup> Deceas'd be laid out adjoining to his land in Wolfborough

This is voted as a memorandum to be observed when the thousand Acres of y<sup>e</sup> other Proprietors is Severed

Attest Geo: Jaffrey Prop<sup>rs</sup> Cl

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[*Henry Rust's Report on Road*, 1774.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 8, p. 154.]

Wolfborough Sep<sup>r</sup> 6<sup>th</sup> 1774

Sir Saterday Night last I Return'd from Conway Road with fifteen Men after being to Work there Twelve Days we have compleated the Road so far as the Six Mile Tree from Conway Line & Gess it will take another fortnight to Compleat the whole to y<sup>e</sup> Line I propose to sett out again Next Monday cum Sennit in Order to finnish—I find the Road through Lovets Town fill'd up with Wind falls for Twenty or thirty Rods which stops y<sup>e</sup> Teams from passing M<sup>r</sup> Heath wou'd have ben Down with his Team after Stores last Week had it not ben for that Obstruction

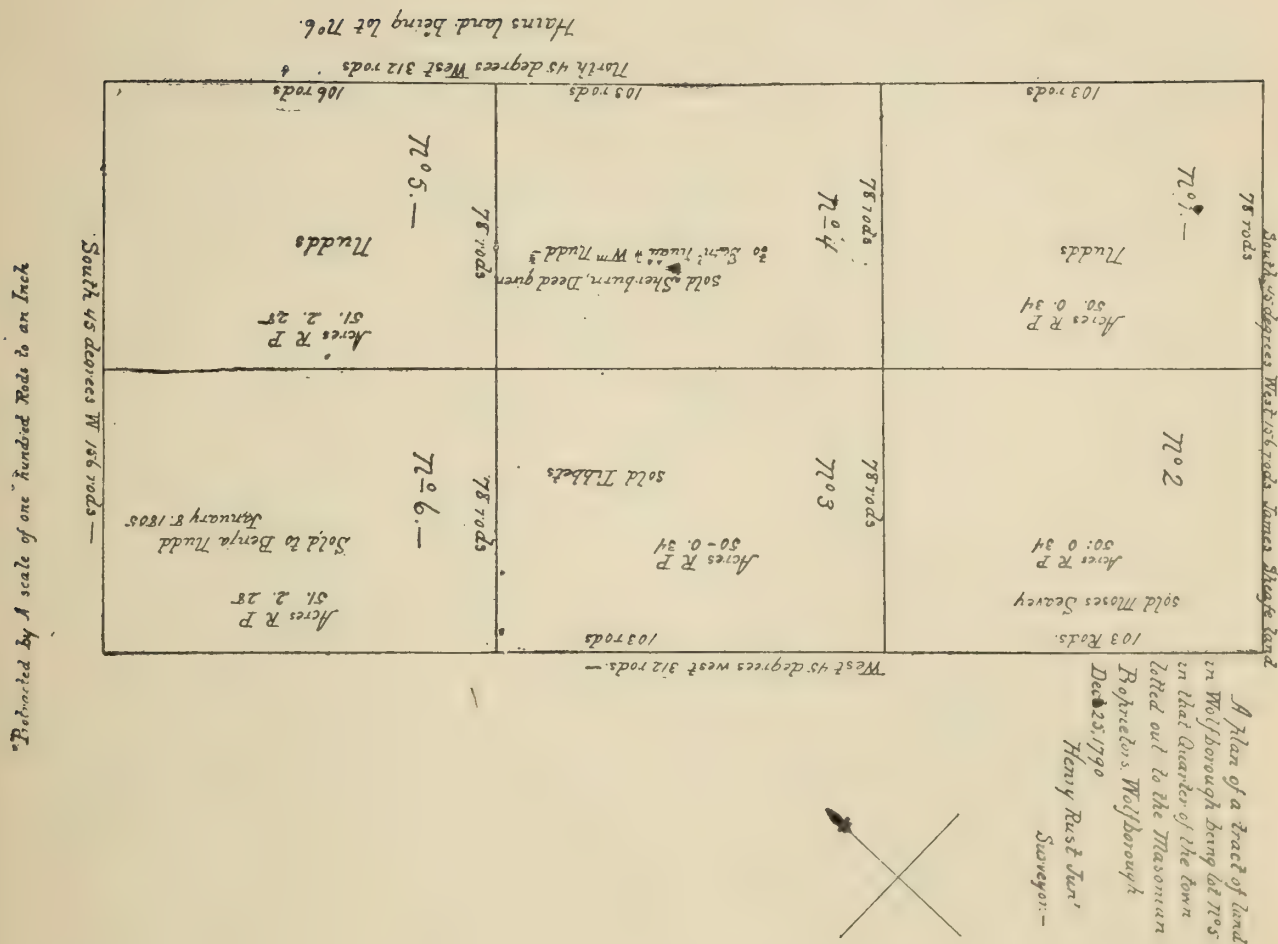
Y<sup>r</sup> Most Obed<sup>t</sup> Hum<sup>l</sup> serv<sup>tt</sup>

Henry Rust

To the Hono<sup>rie</sup> Dan<sup>l</sup> Rogers Esq<sup>r</sup>



[Plan of a Lot, 1790.]



[Plan of Peirce Lot, 1803.]

A Plan of a Tract of Land Situate in the Town of Wolfborough belonging to John Peirce Esqr containing seven hundred & ninety seven Acres three Rood & thirty five Perch exclusive of the Land left for a Road where the double Line is drawn two Rods wide and laid down by a Scale of forty Rods to an Inch  
Wolfborough June 28<sup>th</sup> 1803

Henry Rust jr







[*Answer to Foregoing*, 1814.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 8, p. 155.]

ossipee may the 20<sup>d</sup> 1814

to John Peirce Esq<sup>r</sup> sir by your Desier I have ben on Lot N<sup>o</sup> 14 in  
Wolfsbourrough and bin fifty accers Sold of the South Eastly end of  
the Lot and find a bout Seventy or Eighty accers of pond en Lot  
N<sup>o</sup> 14 and the Remander of the Lot to be Cheafly hard Wood good  
sile but Rockey and Broken—

Jacob Brown



PETITIONS  
AND OTHER PAPERS  
RELATING TO LANDS  
WHOSE LOCATION IS  
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[*Petition for Grant*, 1748.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 8, p. 156.]

Hamp<sup>t</sup> Novembr the 7. 1748.—To those Gentlemen who as we are Informed have Right and Powr to Grant or Give the ungranted Lands of this Province we whos Names are here Under written Do Humbly Request that we may have a share in the ungranted Lands—

|                         |                                 |                                    |
|-------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Ephraim Marston         | Joshua Towle                    | John Dearbon                       |
| Shubel Paige            | Jeremiah Sanborn                | John Sanborn                       |
| Samuell Brown junr      | Moses Perkens                   | Edward Shaw junr                   |
| John Mason              | Elisha Johnson                  | Thomas Paige                       |
| Nathan Godfrie          | Samuell Brown                   | Jonathan Marston junr              |
| Benjman Philbrouck      | Simon Dow junr                  | Jeremiah Marston                   |
| Jonathan Dows           | Joseph Dowle junr               | Joseph Johnson                     |
| John Moulton            | James towl                      | James Garland                      |
| Amos Knowls             | James Johnson                   | Thomas Brown                       |
| Gideon Shaw             | Nemehiah Hobs                   | James Leavit                       |
| wintrup Sanbon          | Jeremiah Dow                    | Joshua Towle junr                  |
| Jonathan Elkins         | Nathan Moulton jun <sup>r</sup> | Nathaniel Lampil                   |
| Jonathan Tucke          | Jabez James                     | Samuell Dow junr                   |
| Benjmian Tuke           | Amos Towle                      | Thomas Blake                       |
| Anth <sup>r</sup> Emery | Jonathan towle                  | James Philbrouck                   |
| John Moulton junr       | Philip Towle                    | Joseph Philbrouk                   |
| John Tayler             | Benjmian Mason                  | Joseph Philbrouck jun <sup>r</sup> |
| Jonathan Leavitt        | Henery Dearbon                  | John Garland                       |
| Enoch Fogg              | Cristphor palmer                | Jonathan Moulton junr              |
| Simon Marston           | Elisha Marston                  | Stephen Sanborn                    |

[*Request from Thomas Davis, 1748.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 8, p. 157.]

Boston December y<sup>e</sup> 13<sup>th</sup> 1748

Sir—Mr Hounken Wintwfe Sir: be know that I: Entende to be att home in a very Lettle time for I: ame att Worke heare att present—therfor I: Desire the fafour of you that you Would Enter Doune my name in the Leste With Respecete to that Loatt of Land and in So Doundin you Will Obleidge your houle Servent—

Pr me—

Thomas Davis

[*Request for Grant, 1749.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 8, p. 158.]

Undar y<sup>e</sup> Lord proprietars we y<sup>e</sup> subcribors Desiar a township if ther Honors Se fit to grant it

|                  |                 |                    |
|------------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| John ober        | Danill Peasly   | Henry sandors      |
| Danill gage      | John Hall       | Robert Elenwod     |
| Joseph sandars   | Rechard Kimball | Petar merrill      |
| William sandars  | William Killey  | Nathanill merrill  |
| Danill Dow       | Timothy sandars | Ebenezer Jaquith   |
| Ebenezer Wodbery | Josiah Hamblit  | olivar Sandars     |
| Timothy clemant  | Thomas Wyman    | Nathanill Woodbury |

[Endorsed] Jn<sup>o</sup> Ober &<sup>c</sup> Rece<sup>d</sup> June 8<sup>th</sup> 1749

[*Petition of John Grout, 1770.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 8, p. 159.]

To the Hon<sup>ble</sup> the proprietors of the Right of John Tufton Mason Eq<sup>r</sup>

The Dying imperfect words & Letters of a Dying man I have Layen A Dying above 3 years uncapable of properly writing to your Hon<sup>rs</sup> and uncapable of Coming unto you I would Beeg Leave in as good words as capable of to wind of short praying that I may be certifieed in writing the State of the place that No Sudden forfiture may be taken wile I a dying and famelly ignorant

your dying friend

april 30—1770

John Grout



[*Conditions of Settlement for Smithshire.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 8, p. 160.]

Conditions of Settlement after the Land is Given or Granted to the Second township by Name of Smithsheir——

1<sup>ly</sup> that there be a Sutable and Convenient Plase with 20: acers of Land to be measured out and Left for Incouragement in Part to him or them that will build a sawmill and that their be Six acers of Land be Left in the most Convenient Plase for a senter Square and s<sup>d</sup> Six acors to be Cleard for to set a meating hous and a school Hous and a burying Plase: s<sup>d</sup>: Six acers Never to be fenced or improved by any Person or Persons any other way and if any Person incroach thereon the Survayer of highways to Clear the sane as in Case of hiways——

2<sup>ly</sup> that the Land be Laid out in two Divisions and Drawn for at 2 Draughts but before any is Drawn for one Lot to be Chose out for the Parsonage the afore S<sup>d</sup>: work to be done within one year after the Land is Given and Granted

3<sup>ly</sup> that the Proprioters Clear a bagage or Hors way from the Sentur Square to the Nearest and most Convenient Place to meat the Proprioters of Burtown and then and their Each Proprioter to be at an Equal Proportion of Cost with the s<sup>d</sup> Pro<sup>rs</sup> of Burtown in Clearing S<sup>d</sup> way to the Nearest and most Convenient Salt water

4<sup>ly</sup> that there be a Sawmill and Dam fit to Saw be built in three years from the Giving and Granting S<sup>d</sup> Land and that the owner of S<sup>d</sup> mill shall saw the Proprioters Logs for one half During the term of Seven years from the Giving s<sup>d</sup> Land

5<sup>ly</sup> that the Proprioters Clear and make fit for Carting a Road or way from the Sentur Square in the most Convenient Place for traviling to or till they meat with the Road of the Proprioters of Burton and then to be at an Equal Proportion with s<sup>d</sup> Proprioters to Clear s<sup>d</sup> way to the nearest and most Convenient Salt water within four years from the Giving and Granting S<sup>d</sup> Land

6<sup>ly</sup> that Each Proprioter build one house 14 feet wid and 18 feet Long and Chimny Cover and flore S<sup>d</sup> hous and Clear Plant or Sow three acers of Land on his own Right within Eight years from the Giving and Granting S<sup>d</sup> Land

7<sup>ly</sup> that the Proprioters Build a meatinghouse fit to Preach in within ten Years from the Giving s<sup>d</sup> Land

8<sup>ly</sup> that there be Praching on Sabbath Days in S<sup>d</sup> meatinghouse at the Cost of the Proprioters from and after the End of twelve years from the Giving or Granting S<sup>d</sup> Land

9<sup>ly</sup> that the Proprioters meet on the first thursday in aprell annually to Chouse a Clark and assesors to asses and a Colecter or Colec-

ters to Collect Such Sum or Sumes of money as shall be voated to be Raised by the mager Part of s<sup>d</sup> Proprioters at any of their s<sup>d</sup> meetings and that the Colector after he hath Rec<sup>d</sup> his List from the assessors Shall notify Each man of the Sum Raised in his List and Demand the Same: and the Person or Parsons that Doth Refuse or neglect to Pay the Same for the Spase of 30 days after notis is Given then the assessors or the mager Part of them to Give under their hands to the Collector what Part of that S<sup>d</sup> Proprioters Land Shal be Sould at Publick Vandue by the Collector for to Pay s<sup>d</sup> tax and Cost and S<sup>d</sup> Collecters Dead shall be Sufficiant against any Proprioter or owner what Ever and that the overplush if any there be shall be Returned to the owner by the Collector and S<sup>d</sup> Colector to Give 24 daus notis to the Clark of s<sup>d</sup> Propriety before the day of Sale of the time and Plase to be Entered in the Clarks offis and after the Sale to make a Return of what is Sould and to who to the Clarks office and s<sup>d</sup> Clark to Enter what is sould and to who and to Give Coppies thereof to the assessors in the month of aprell anually

[On the back are the following notes:]

High Ways to be as in the other Grants

To be drawd at once 2 Divisions

to Join a good & bad together

100 acres 1 Lot

the forfeited Shares to do the duty tho forfeited

[Another copy of these conditions on p. 161 of the manuscript volume bears the following:]

These Condishons voted By the first Society to be Sent by the agent when Chosen

p<sup>r</sup> me

Josiah Sanborn Clark of the first Society

[*Proposals for Grant.*]

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1<sup>st</sup> To have the Town Eight Miles square and Divided into One Hundred Equal shares.—

2<sup>dly</sup> That During the Term of 10 Years after the war shall End, We Will Settle 40 Families, of which 10 shall be Settled in the 2 first Years, the Remainder in Convenient time—

3<sup>dly</sup> That there shall be a meeting house Built for the Worship of God, within 10 Years.



4<sup>thly</sup> That there shall be such Roads Cut thro' the Town as may be Convenient for the Settlem<sup>t</sup> at the Expende of the Grantees—

5<sup>thly</sup> That Such Shares as the Grantors may Reserve, be Laid out together—

6<sup>thly</sup> That the Whole Town shall be Surveyed Lotted out and Drawn for within One Year of its being Granted

[*Petition for Grant*, 1748.]

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N<sup>o</sup> 6— 1748—

Prov<sup>s</sup> of } To the Hon<sup>ble</sup> Theodore Atkinson Esq<sup>r</sup> & others  
New Hamp<sup>r</sup> } Purchasers and Proprietors of Masons Rights—

The Petition of the Subscribers Humbly Shews that your Petitioners who are underneath Subscribed are Desireous to have Granted to them a Tract of Land for a Township on Merrimack River or as near the River as you think Proper and on Such Terms & Limitations as others who have asked the Same Favour and as Speedely as Shall be Consistent with your Conveiniency and your Petitioners as in Duty bound Shall Ever Pray—

|                     |                                      |                                   |
|---------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| John Peevey         | John Griffeth j <sup>r</sup>         | Theodore Libbey                   |
| James Leach         | W <sup>m</sup> Kennedy               | Thomas Loud                       |
| Joshua Croket       | William ham                          | W <sup>m</sup> Simpson            |
| James marden        | John Lebbe & Jn <sup>o</sup> Seaward |                                   |
| Thomas Palmer       | Edward Kennedy                       | Edward Pendexter Jun <sup>r</sup> |
| Jane haws           | John Drew Seaward                    | Phillip Pendexter                 |
| George Townsend     | Tho <sup>s</sup> Hatch               | Peter Massuerre                   |
| Moses Caverly Juner | Charles Jarrat                       | Joseph Davis                      |
| James Davies        | Peter Greley                         | Thomas Ham                        |
| Timothy Batt        | Aaron Moses                          | John Brown                        |
| Benjamin Welch      | Mich <sup>l</sup> Whidden            | David Horney                      |
| Nathaniel Jackson   | Joph Cevey                           | Ichabod Clark                     |
| Abraham Crusy       | Edward Sherburne Joyner              | Thomas Peverely                   |
| Michael Martin      | George Huntterss Juner               | James Shors                       |
| John marden         | Noah marden                          | Rollin Green                      |
| Daniel Halluran     | John fornel                          | Daniel Loughton                   |
| Geo: Clyers         | Edmund Webber                        | George Maddin                     |
| Robert picken       | George Saunders                      | Samuel Tompson Jun <sup>r</sup>   |
| Henry Beck          | Mauris Driskell                      | Joshua Jackson                    |
| Joseph Brewster jr  | Samuel Cate                          | William Jones                     |
| George Marshall     | John Marshall                        | David Brown                       |

|                             |  |                                 |
|-----------------------------|--|---------------------------------|
| Edward Scales               | George Jackson                           | James Stoodly                   |
| Christopher Cullain         | Giles Seaward                            | James Lebby                     |
| Caleb Beck                  | Dan <sup>1</sup> Lang                    | Robr <sup>t</sup> Lang          |
| Benja Dockum                | Joseph Pitman                            | Thomas Cotton                   |
| Thomas Cotton juner         | Rich <sup>d</sup> Fitzgerrald            | Nathaniel Carvely               |
| Benj <sup>a</sup> Berry     | Samuel Tobey                             | Alex <sup>r</sup> Hunter        |
| thomas quint                | Geo: Warren                              | William Wills                   |
| George Shurburn             | Samuel Brewster Juner                    | Walter Warren                   |
| Tim <sup>y</sup> Cotton     | John marten                              | Israel Browne                   |
| John Wisdom                 | RicheaRd tebbets                         | Thomas Buss                     |
| Jonathan Low                | Will <sup>m</sup> Lewis Ju <sup>nr</sup> | Henry Sherburne                 |
| Jonathan Ross               | Michaell Maddin                          | Philip babb                     |
| James Sherburne Junur       | John Redin                               | Nathanael Barnes                |
| Thomas Sanbrun              | John ham                                 | Joseph whittum                  |
| Abraham Ellet               | Joshua Babb                              | David Dennett                   |
| Perkins Ayers               | Joseph Welch                             | Nathnel Peverely                |
| Nath <sup>11</sup> Sherburn | moses miller                             | Thomas Waters                   |
| John Wills                  | Joseph Wells                             | William Rackley                 |
| John Beck                   | Georg Tomson                             | Peter Stelling                  |
| Sam Wentworth Boston        | Joseph Ham                               | thomas Marden                   |
| David Jeffries Boston       | Timothy Woterhouse                       | Matthias Hains Jun <sup>r</sup> |
| Charles Drew                | Jaems Sherburn sener                     | Jethro sherburn                 |
| Hugh Montgomery             | Rich <sup>d</sup> Hall                   | Nicholas Norris                 |
| John Hodgdon                | John Decker                              | Charles Hight                   |
| John Neale                  | Davi Deker                               | John Clark marriner             |
| Spencer Colby               | George King                              | John How                        |
| John Firnald Marriner       | George Woddes                            | Joseph Meserve                  |
| Jeames hearn                | Rich <sup>d</sup> Hart                   | Samuel Jackson                  |
| John Loud                   | Bengamen Loud                            | Patrick Furlong                 |
| George Libbey               | John Peirce                              | W <sup>m</sup> Burt             |
| Joseph Moses                | Luke Mills                               | Joseph Peirce                   |
| Barth <sup>o</sup> Goodwin  | Samuel Huntris                           | Tho <sup>s</sup> Slayton        |
| John Peverely Jur           | Joseph Lowd                              | Joseph Hixon                    |
| Noah Bradden                | William Bradden                          | John Bradden                    |
| Benjamin Bradden            | Edword Gale                              | William Gilmor                  |
| Thomas Parker               | Bengman Lear                             | George Hunterss                 |
| Alexander Ross              | Silvanus Scott                           | Samuel Scott                    |
| Samuel Sherburne            | David Gamon                              | James Jones                     |
| Samuel Beck                 | thomas sevey                             | Thomas manning                  |
| John Elliot                 | William Beck                             | Joshua Beck                     |
| William ross                | Elias Tarlton                            | John homes                      |
| George Peverly              | Andrew Clark                             | Benj:n Holmes                   |
| Jereniah Holmes             | Nath <sup>11</sup> Muchamore             | George Meserve                  |



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|--|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Nath <sup>1</sup> Meserve Jun <sup>r</sup> | James nelson                      | John Banfill                  |
| Weymouth ham                               | Jacob Randall                     | John Grow                     |
| Jonathan Crocket                           | Christopher Skinner               | Tim <sup>o</sup> Pearse       |
| Ab <sup>m</sup> Bartlet                    | Jo <sup>s</sup> Abbott            | Samuel Pevrly                 |
| Thomas Hockaday                            | Thomas Crockett                   | Robart mortan                 |
| Samuel Ayers Jun <sup>r</sup>              | Daniel Crockford                  | John Crockford                |
| John Lebby                                 | Samll Row                         | Anthony Row                   |
| Benja Odiorne                              | Cherls Rundlet                    | ambros Slopr                  |
| Joshua Slopr                               | Nathanael Peverly                 | Joshua Brewster               |
| Richard Prey Brewster                      | John Jones                        | William Lang                  |
| John norton                                | benjman edmans                    | John Edmons                   |
| Jonathan Norton                            | Nath <sup>11</sup> Sherburn third | Jonathan Partridge            |
| Benjamin lewes                             | simeon Leveret                    | Thomas Landell                |
| Ben Cevey                                  | Sam Lear                          | William Walden                |
| Nat <sup>11</sup> Montgomery               | John walden                       | Cap <sup>t</sup> thoms Palmor |
| John Noble                                 | Abraham Shreefe                   | John Phillips                 |

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[*Corrections.*]

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there was a mistake in the Chedool for By Charter one Lot is to be near to y<sup>e</sup> Center for y<sup>e</sup> minister & one for y<sup>e</sup> ministry

the 11 Lott in the 5 Range must be set to the ministry & the 22 Lott in the 5 Range must be set to the minister

the 19 Lott in the 3 Range Set to Thod<sup>r</sup> Atkenson Esq<sup>r</sup> & petter powers

the 3 Lott in the 10 Range to Clemont march Esq<sup>r</sup> & to Richard wibord Esq<sup>r</sup>

the 9 Lott in the 8 Range is not in the Schedole nor the 12<sup>th</sup> in the 3 Range

Martha Thornton Esq<sup>r</sup> Sold to Joseph Twitchel one Rite viz Peter Powers Rite the 41 draft Lott 14 in 4 Range & y<sup>e</sup> Lott 19 in 9 R & y<sup>e</sup> L 19 in 10

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Amaskeeg

Archibald Stark  
Archibald Stark

William Stark  
Tomas Hall

John Stark

## Londonderry

|                              |                           |                              |
|------------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------|
| David M <sup>c</sup> Gregore | Samuell Rinkin            | William Rinkin               |
| Hugh Ramsey                  | John Ramsey               | Mathew Ramsey                |
| Mathew Thornton              | David Craig               | Joseph Cokeran               |
| John Stenson                 | Hugh Dunshe               | Samuel fulton                |
| Samuel Caldwell              | Joseph Scobi              | Samuel Stinson               |
| daniel lesly                 | William Stinson           | James m <sup>c</sup> Gregore |
| James Cokeran                | David stenson             | John Cokeran docter          |
| William Gault                | John m <sup>c</sup> Duffi | Alexander Gault              |
| Archibald Cuningham          | John Horner               | Hugh Jamison                 |
| Daniell m <sup>c</sup> Curdy | John Carr                 | Alexander Tood               |
| James Rodger                 | Samuell Tood              | James Adams                  |
| Adam Dicky                   | George Clark              | John m <sup>c</sup> Calester |
|                              | John Quig                 |                              |

## Chester

|                       |              |               |
|-----------------------|--------------|---------------|
| Samuel Emerson Esquer | John Hall    | William Elett |
| John Cokeran          | James Wernum |               |

## Portsmouth

|               |               |             |
|---------------|---------------|-------------|
| Mathew Morton | George Massey | John Morton |
|---------------|---------------|-------------|

## haverill District

|                       |                 |                   |
|-----------------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| Tomas folinsby Junior | Jerimiah Page   | Caleb Page Junior |
|                       | Samuel Richards |                   |

## Kingston

|           |             |
|-----------|-------------|
| John Hoog | Samuel Hoog |
|-----------|-------------|

## Litchfield

|                  |              |
|------------------|--------------|
| Joseph Blanchard | William Carr |
|------------------|--------------|



### CORRECTION.

On page 198, for David Rindge read Daniel Rindge.

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